



Lung cancer care in Victoria

Identifying opportunities for improvement

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In this presentation...

- Incidence and survival
- The lung cancer population at presentation
- Care pattern and variation across Victoria
 - Diagnosis, staging & treatment planning
 - Treatment (surgery, chemotherapy & radiotherapy)
 - Supportive and palliative care

Lung cancer optimal care pathway



**Prevention
and early
detection**

**Presentation,
initial
investigations
and referrals**

**Diagnosis,
staging and
treatment
planning**

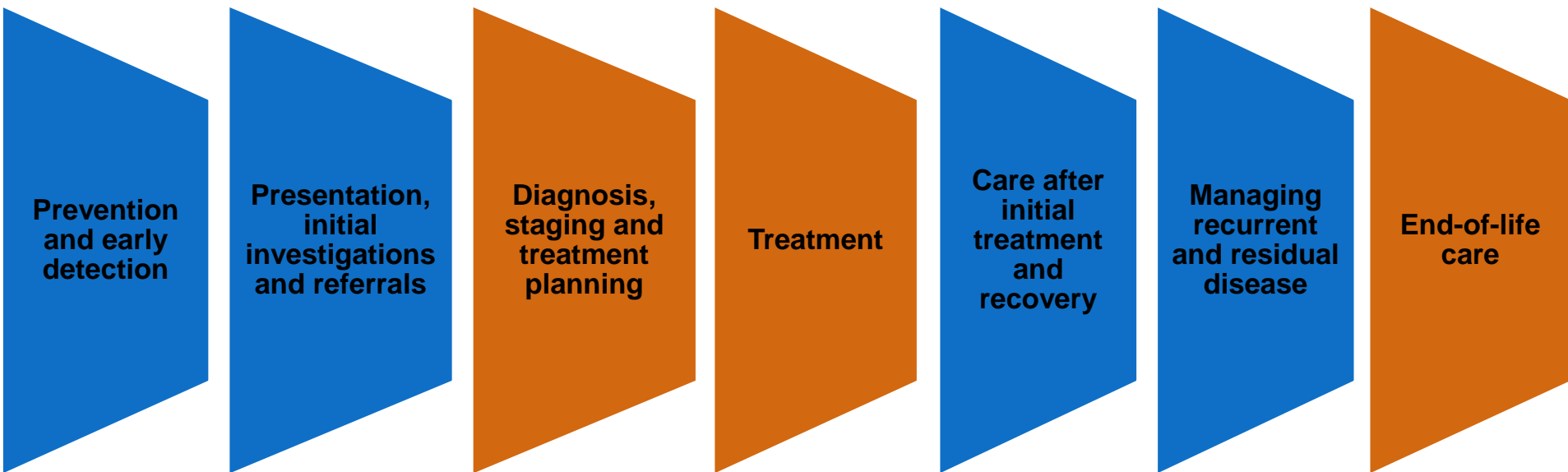
Treatment

**Care after
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treatment
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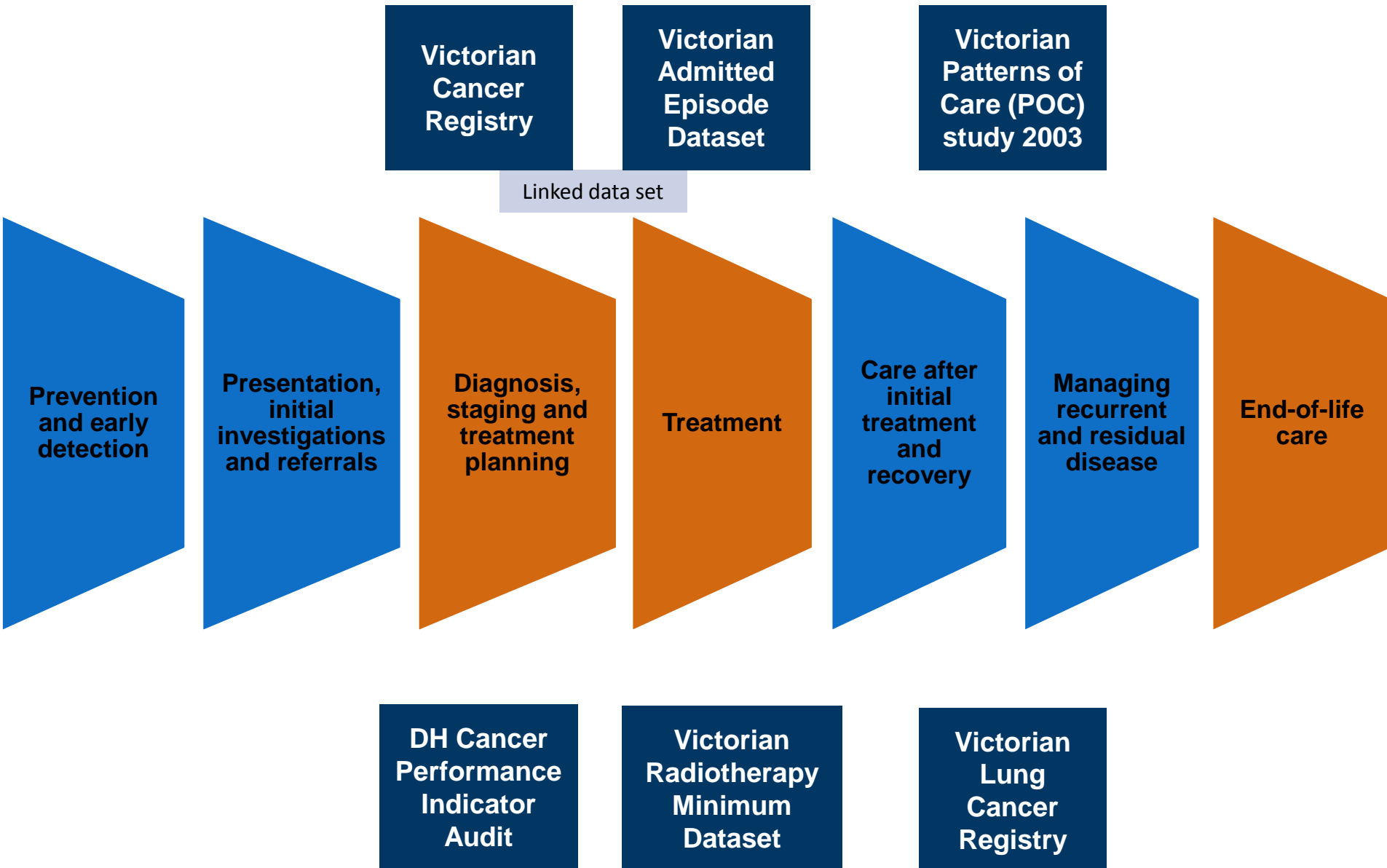
**Managing
recurrent
and residual
disease**

**End-of-life
care**

Lung cancer optimal care pathway



Sources of data to describe current practice





About linked data

- Links Victorian Cancer Registry with hospital activity data
- Ability to track each patient across Victorian public and private health services
- Allows identification of admitted lung cancer cases confirmed by the VCR
- Allows mapping of the patient's pathway
- Plan to include radiotherapy data

Data analysis

Limitations of the linked VCR/VAED data set:

- Hume region activity data for patients treated at Albury Wodonga Health – Albury Campus is not reported to the VAED or the VCR, and was not available for analysis.

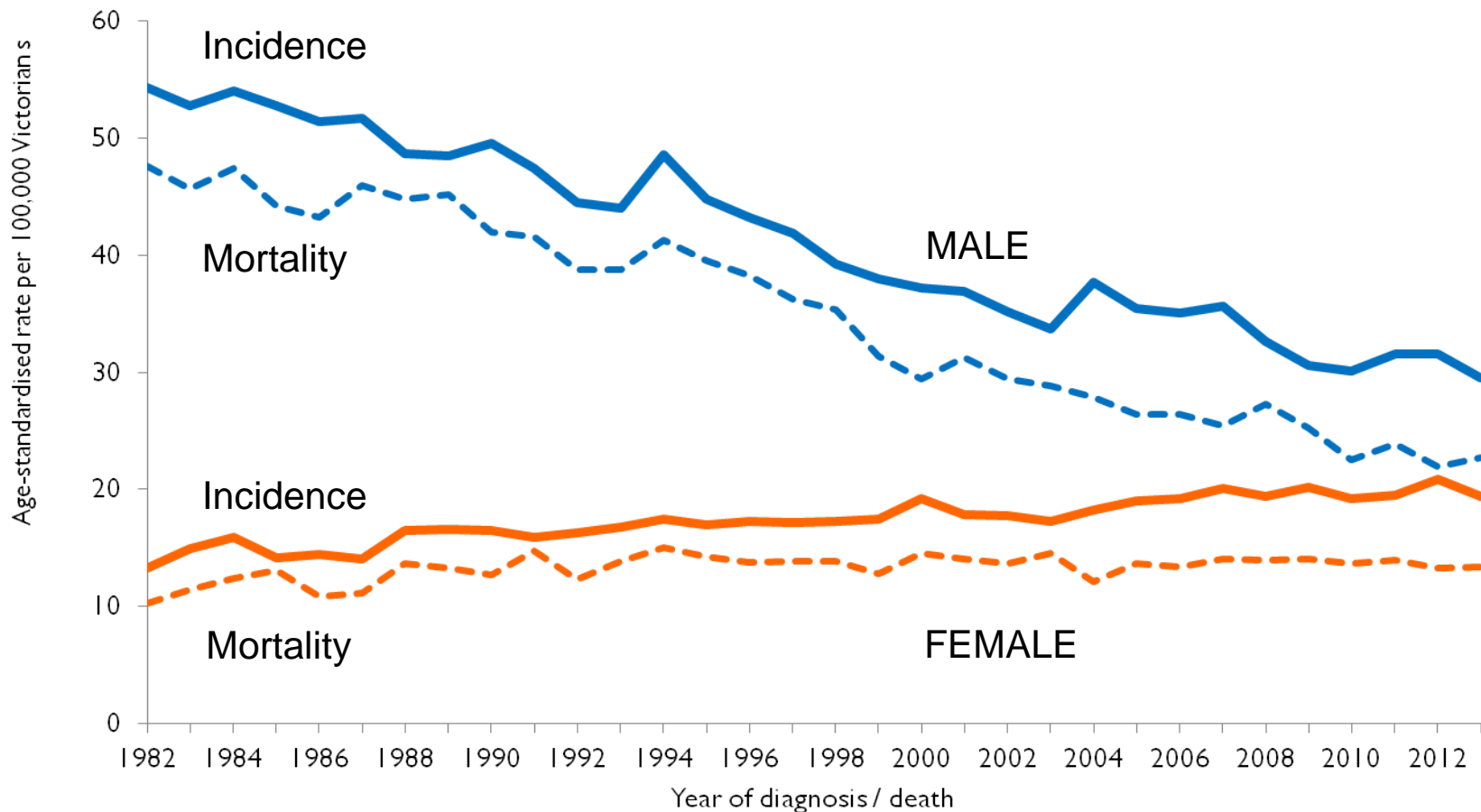
Staging is not currently available for lung cancer

Observed differences could be due to the lung patient disease characteristics such as staging



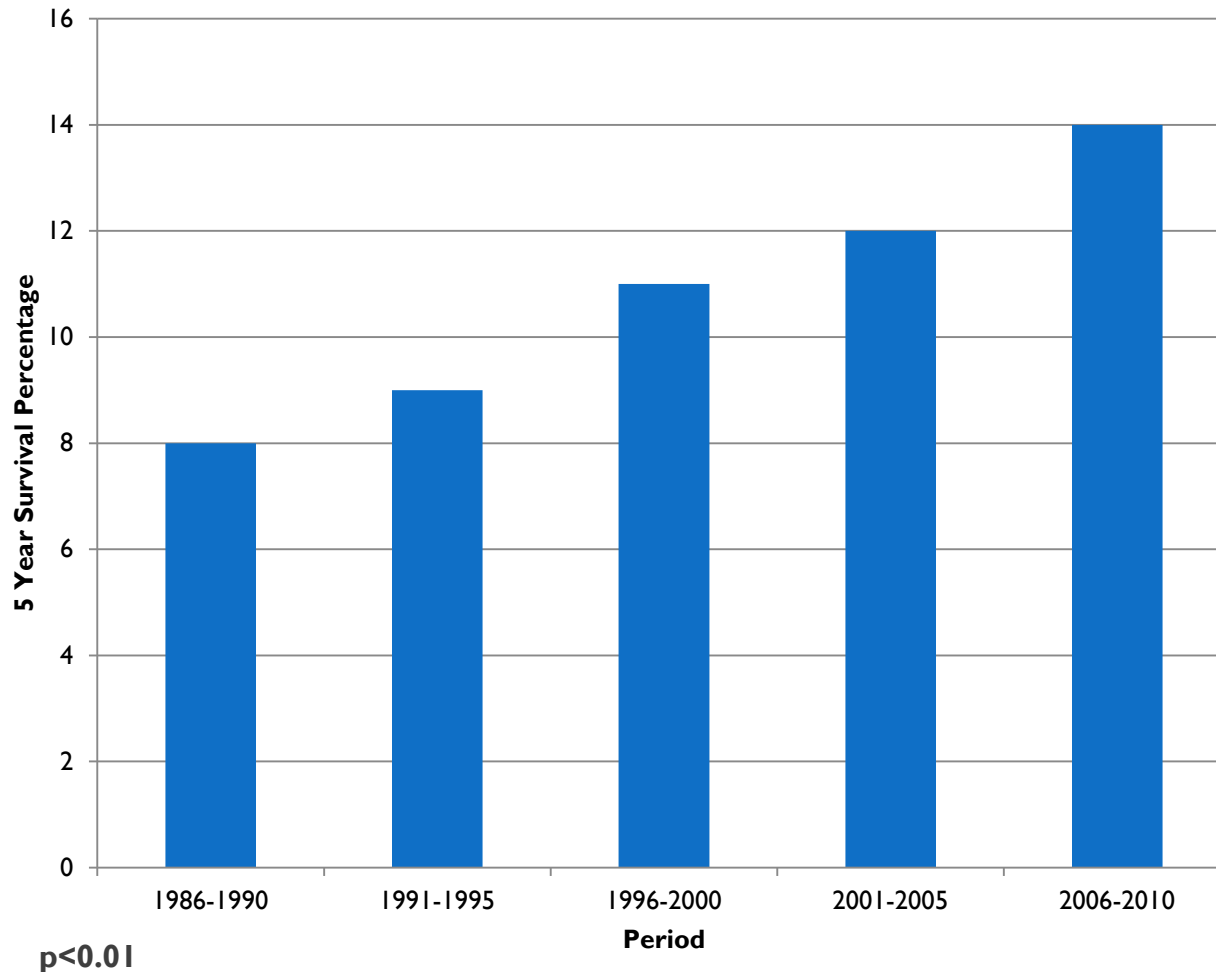
Lung cancer incidence and survival in Victoria

Trends in incidence and mortality Victoria 1982-2012



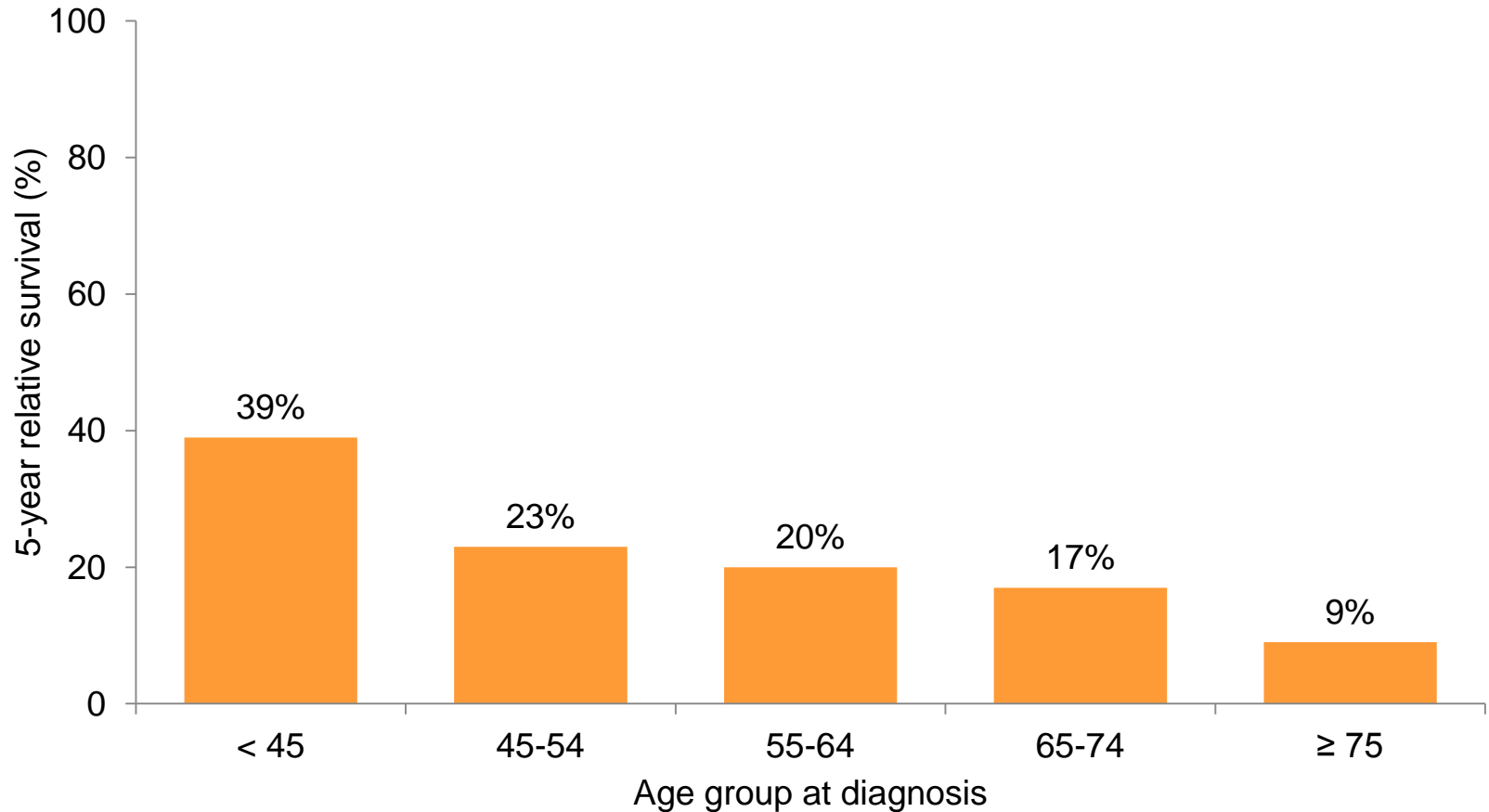
Source: Victorian Cancer Registry (VCR) Nov 2014

Lung cancer (C33-34) relative 5-year survival over time



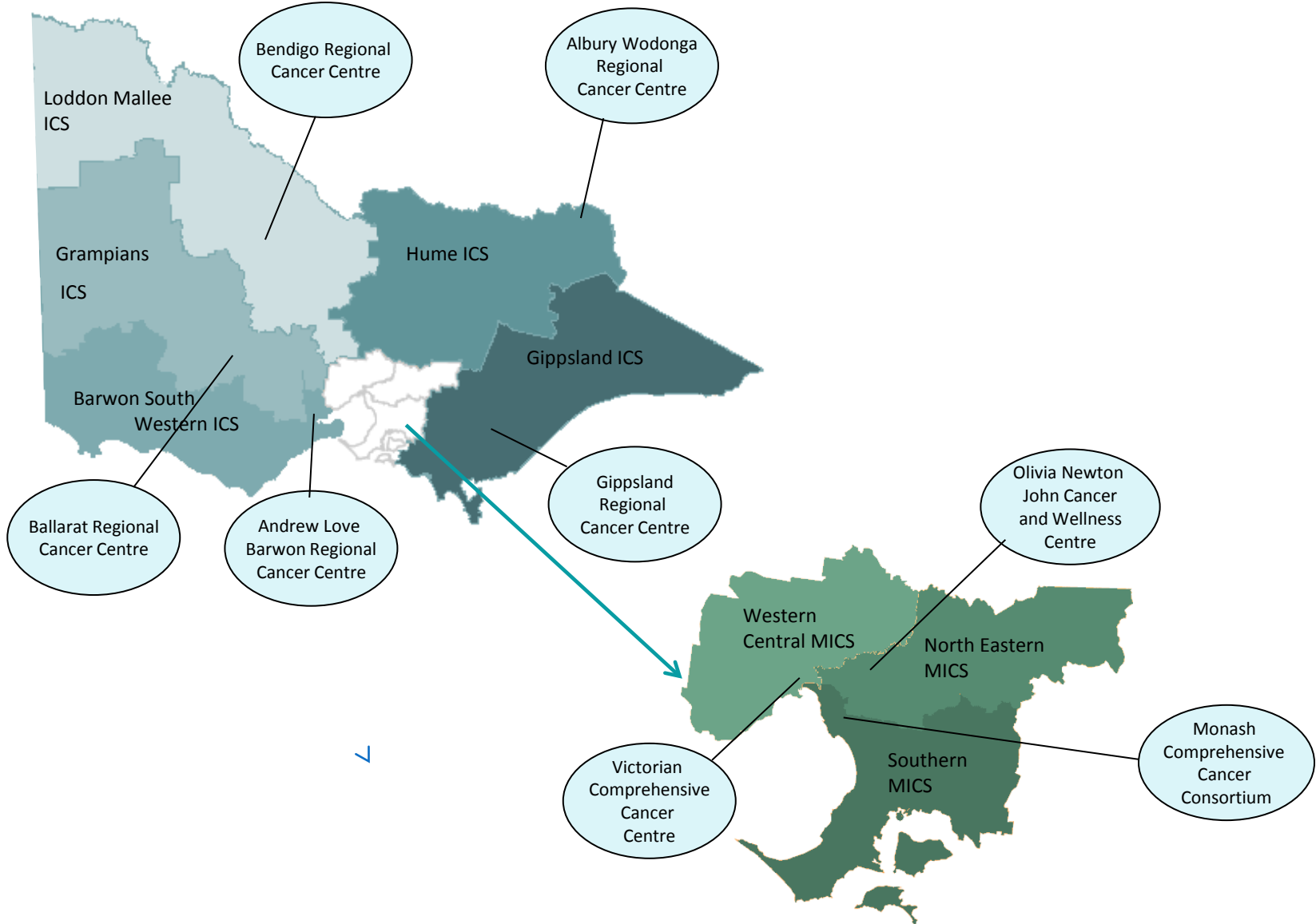
For 2008-2012 time period the 5 year survival was at 15%.

Lung cancer survival, Victoria survival by age group, 2008-2012

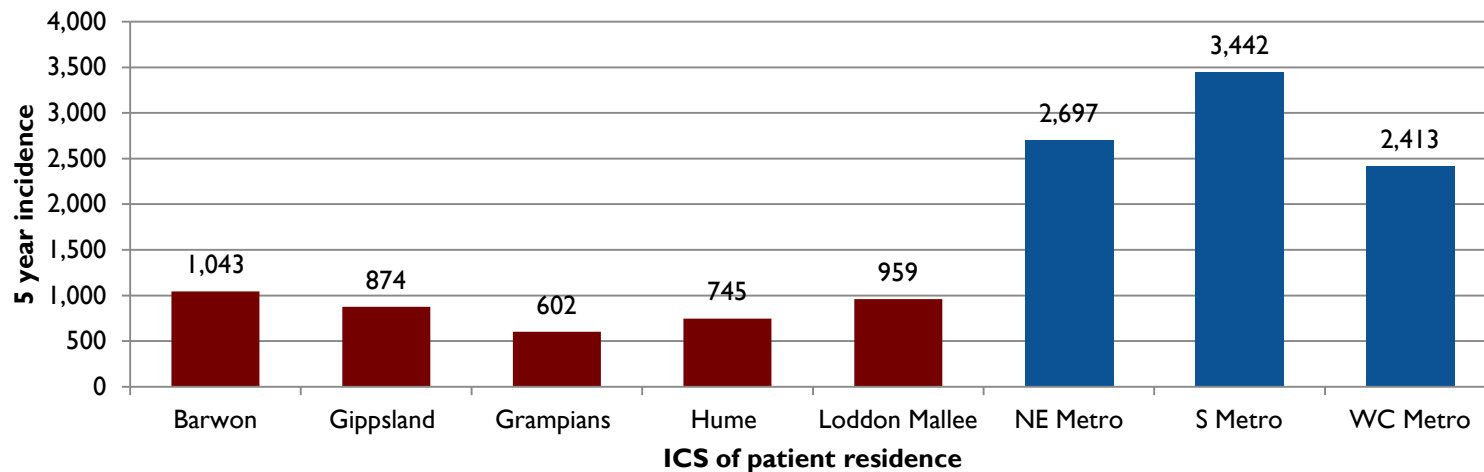


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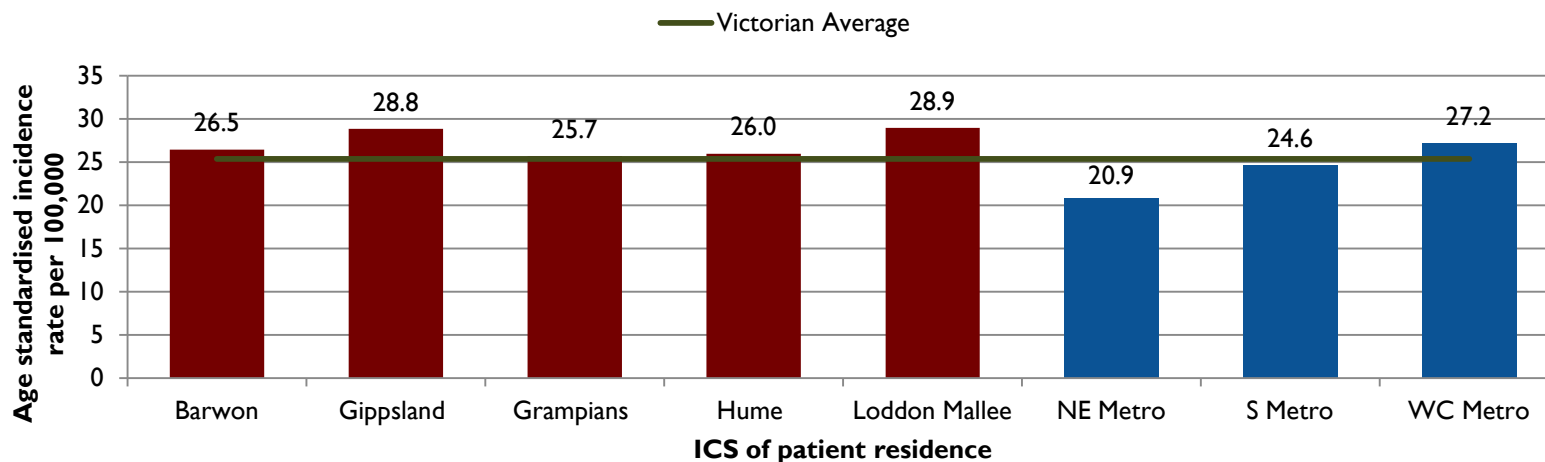
Integrated Cancer Services (ICS) & Cancer Centres



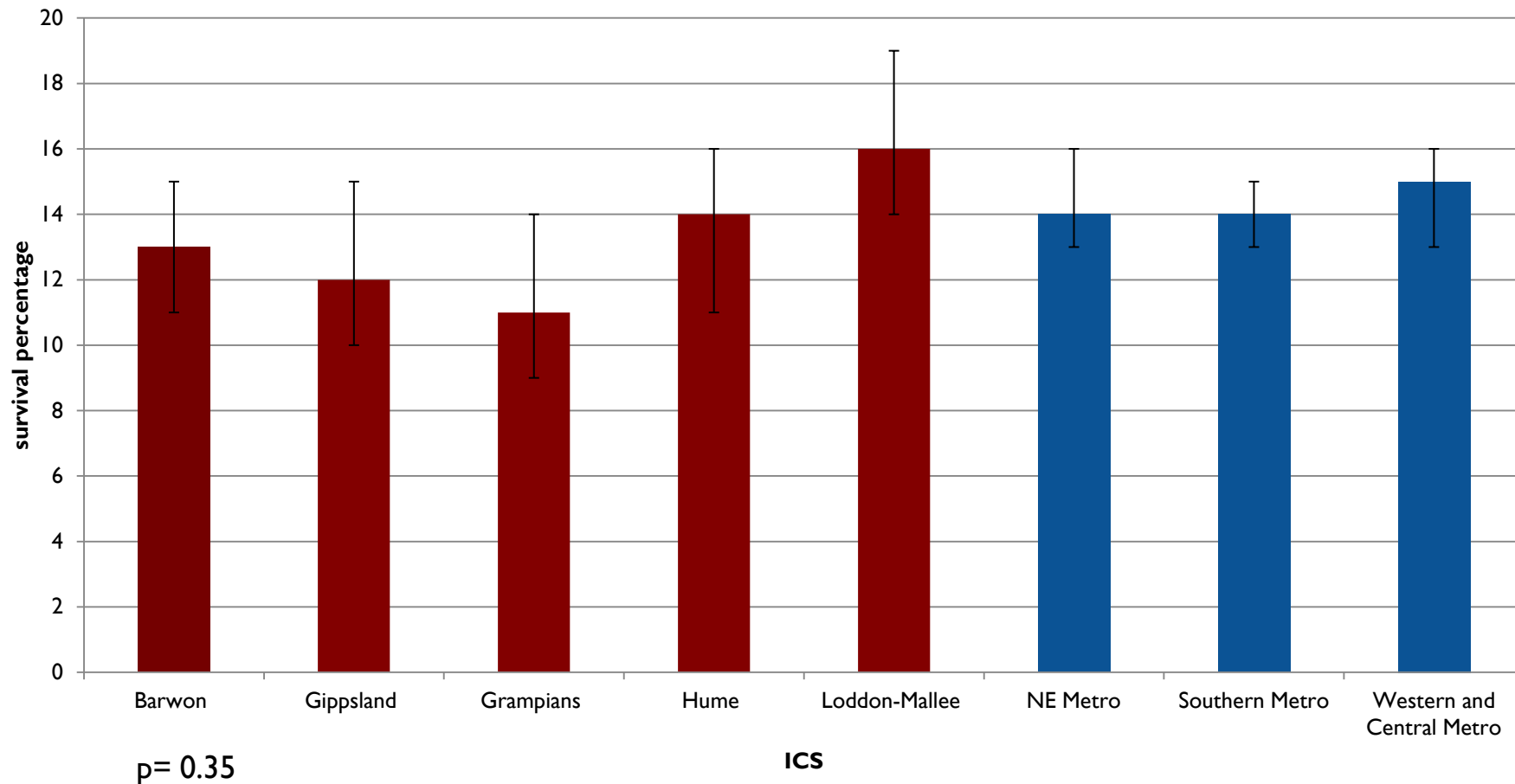
Lung cancer 5 year incidence numbers 2008-2012



Lung cancer standardised incidence rate 2008-2012



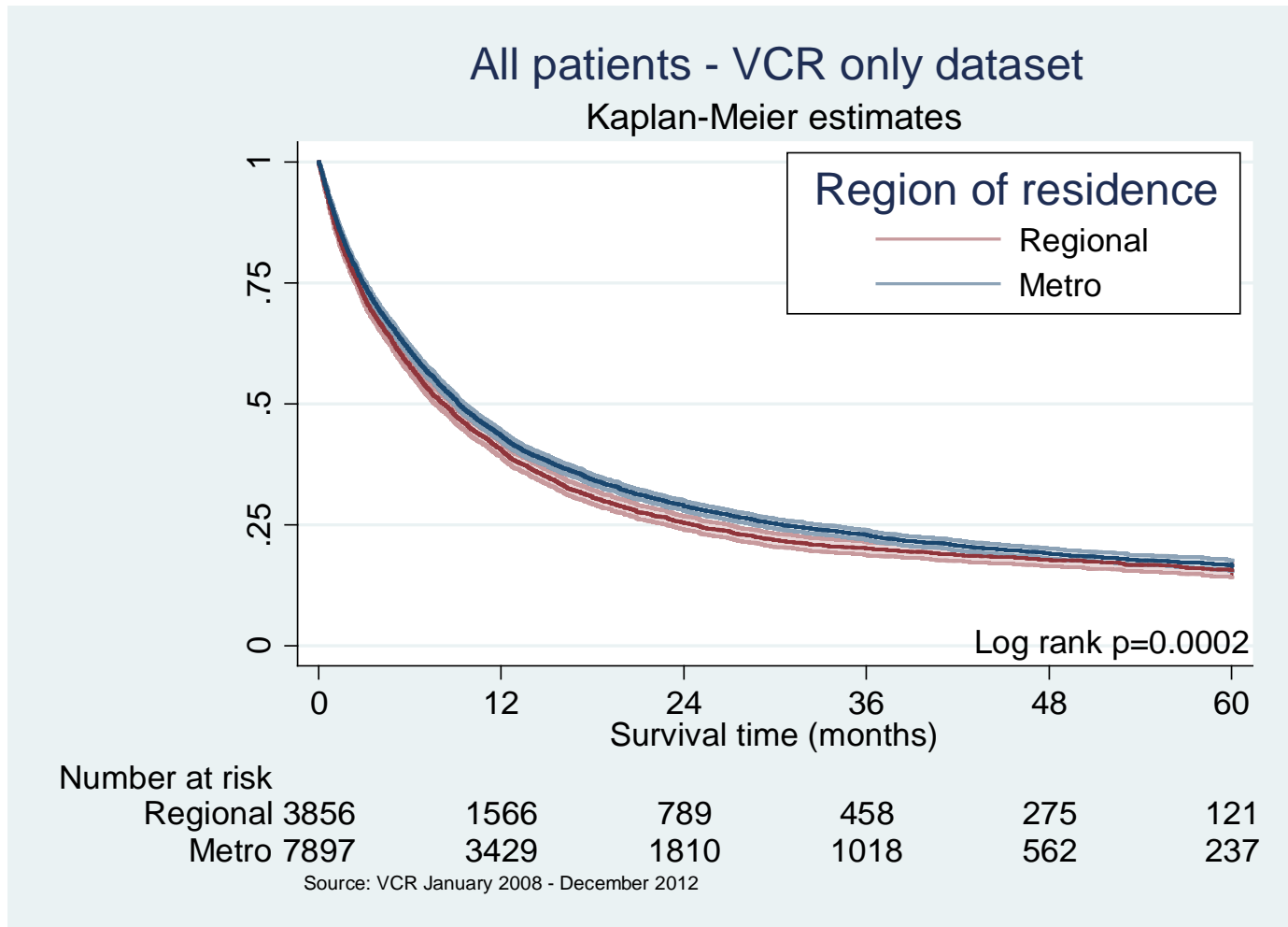
Lung cancer (C33-C34) relative 5-year survival by ICS (2006-2010)



Source: VCR Cancer Survival 2012

Lung cancer (C33-C34)

absolute survival time by region of residence



Source: VCR January 2008-December 2012



The lung cancer population at presentation

Comparison over time

	2008-2012 VCR* n= 10,234	2003 POC study n= 841
Gender male	60% (6,097)	63% (531)
Age median	71 (10-99)	72 (30-94)
No tissue diagnosis [#]	13% (1,328)	10% (85)
With tissue diagnosis:		
SCLC	11% (1,151)	13% (101)
NSCLC	76% (7,755)	78% (655)
Of NSCLC cases:		
Adenocarcinoma	44% (3,386)	40% (261)
Squamous cell	24% (1,840)	23% (152)
Large cell	5% (418)	13% (82)
Other / unspecified	27% (2,111)	25% (160)

*VCR January 2008 – December 2012

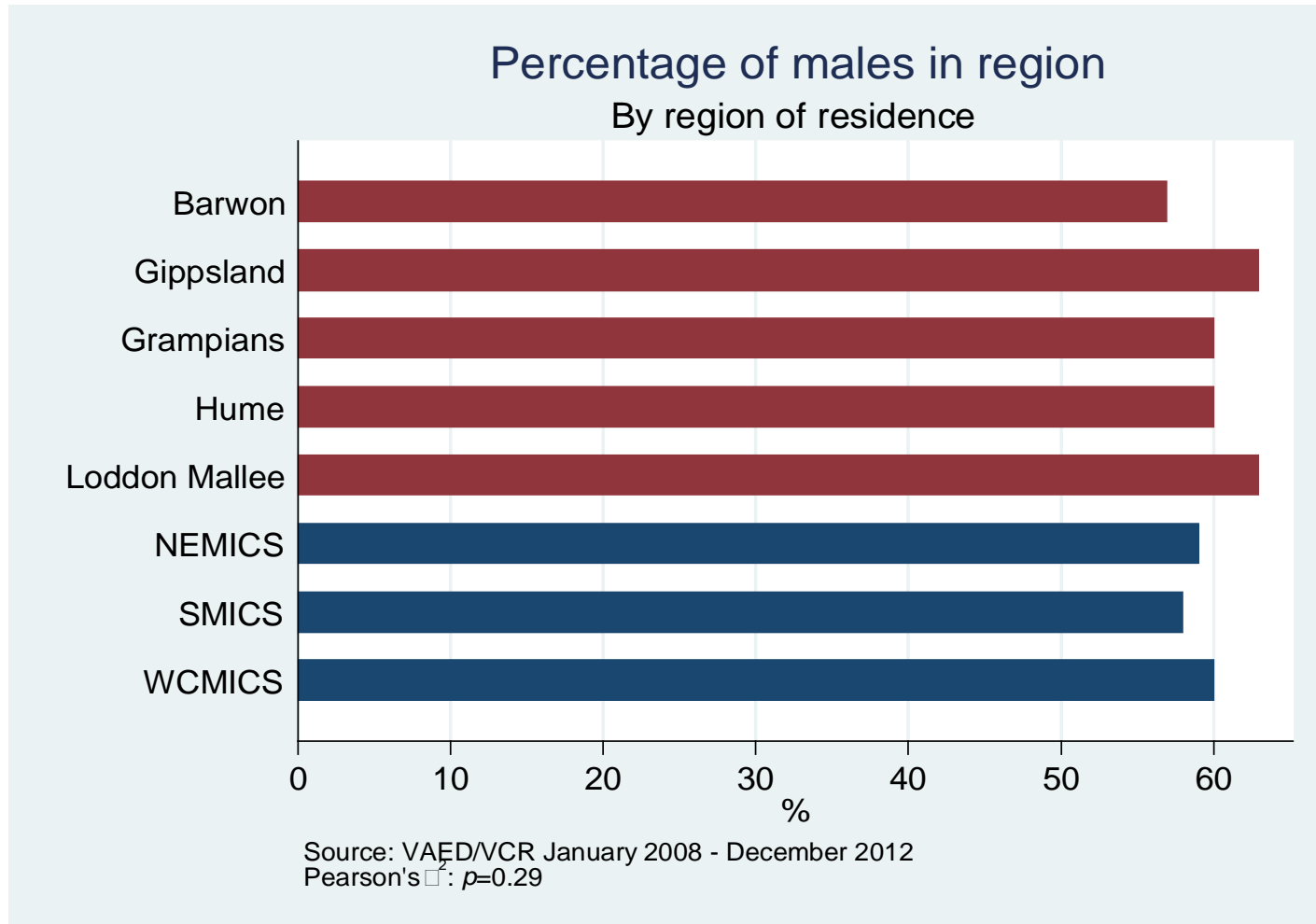
[#]Death certificate only excluded (4%)

2003 POC study: smoking

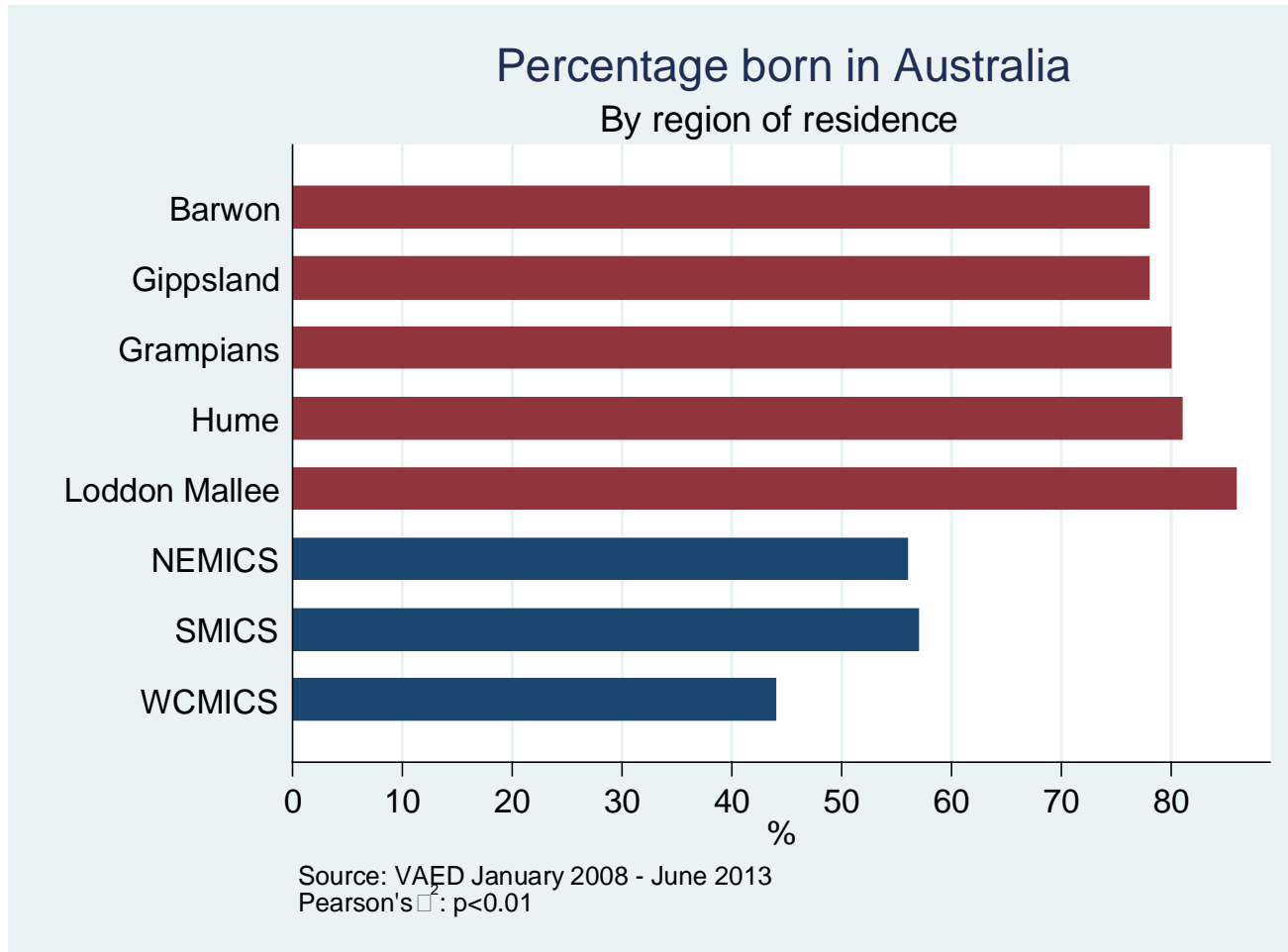
- Smoking (data available for 95% cases)
 - never 63 (8%)
 - past 458 (57%)
 - current 278 (35%)
- 71% of non-smokers are female
 - Female lung cancer 4.5% non-smokers
 - Male lung cancer 3.3% non-smokers ($p < 0.001$)
- Previous smokers ceased median 12 years earlier
- Tobacco exposure in smokers
 - Median 50 pack years
 - Females 37 PY vs Males 52 PY ($p < 0.001$)

Lung cancer (C33-C34)

gender distribution by ICS n=10,234



Lung cancer (C33-C34) place of birth by ICS n=10,234

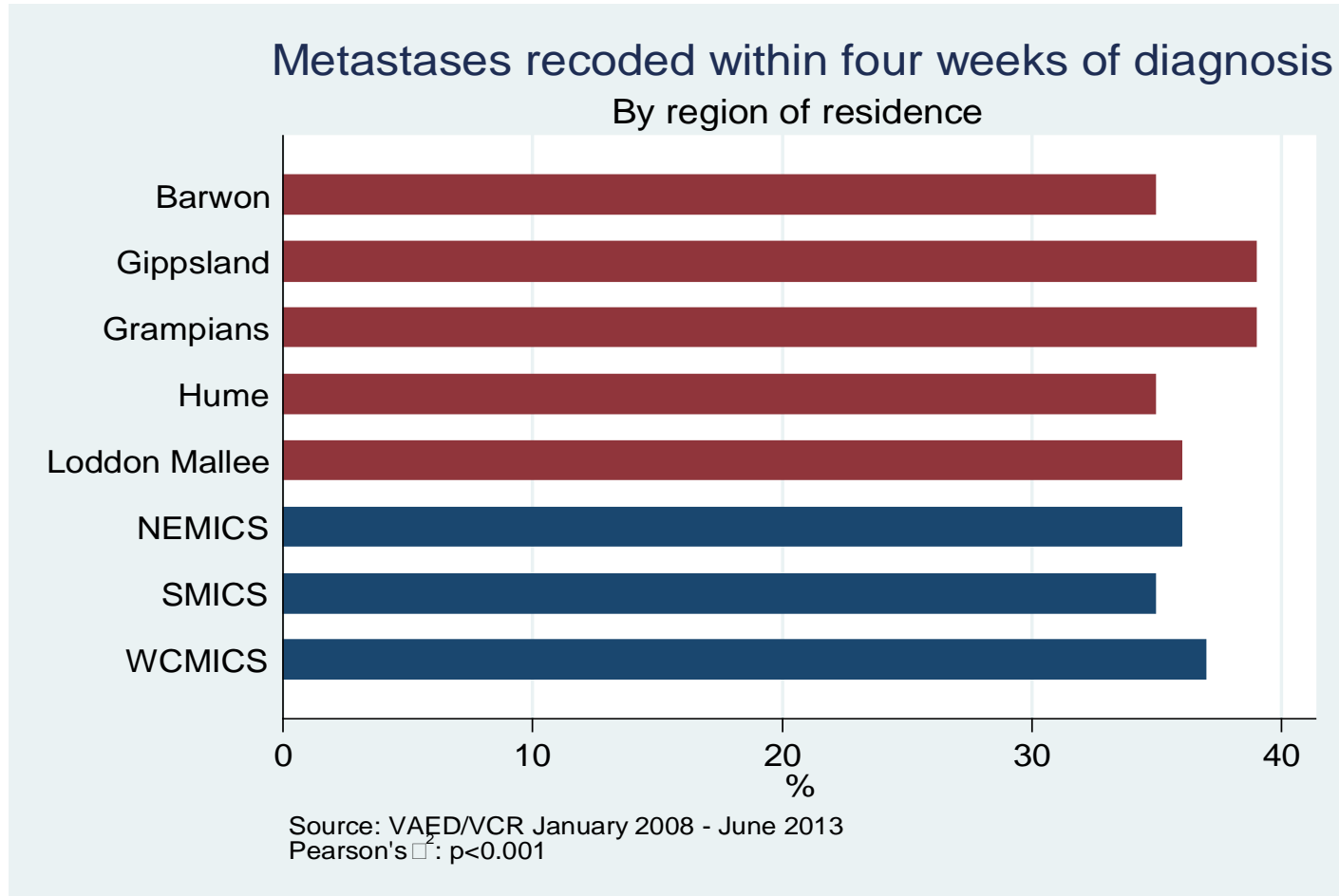


2003 POC study: stage distribution

- For NSCLC (n=602)
 - Stage I 107 (18%)
 - Stage II 30 (5%)
 - Stage III 156 (26%)
 - IIIA 71 (12%)
 - IIIB 85 (14%)
 - Stage IV 311 (52%)

Lung cancer (C33-C34)

cases with coded distant metastases n=10,234



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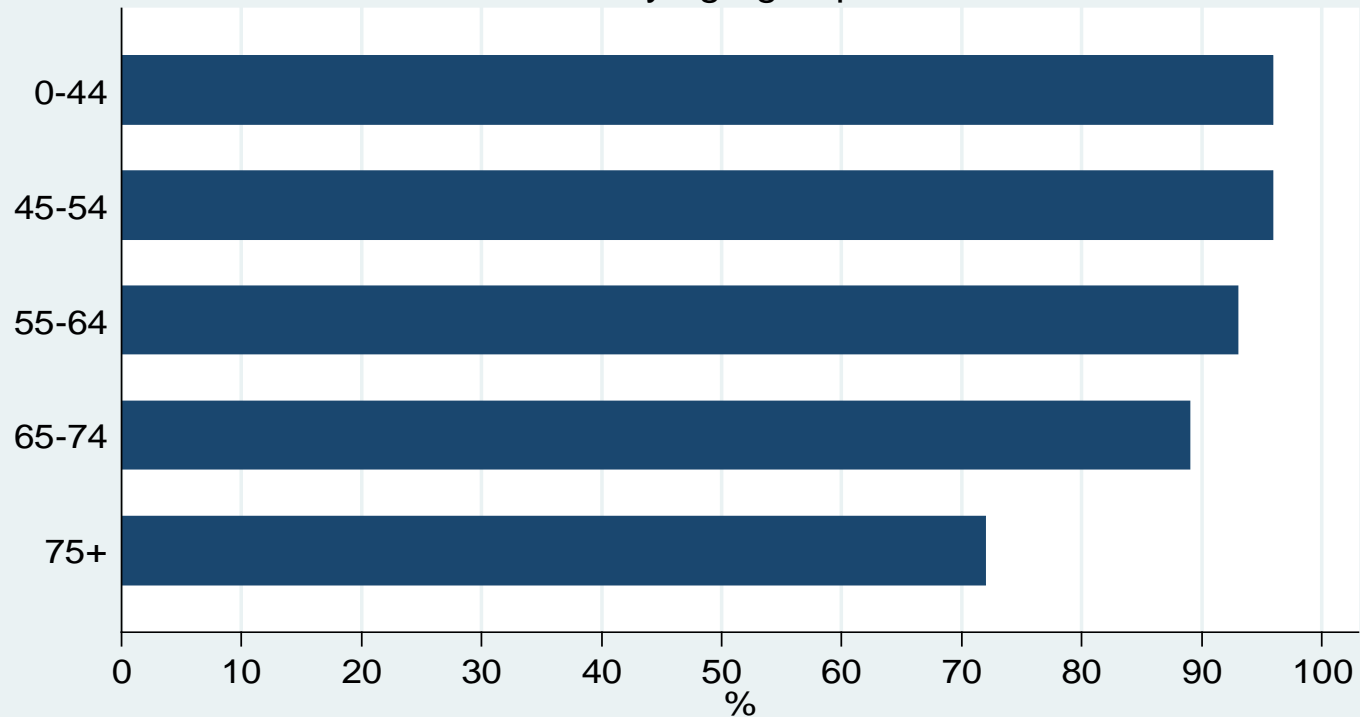


Tissue diagnosis

Lung cancer (C33-C34) with tissue diagnosis by age group

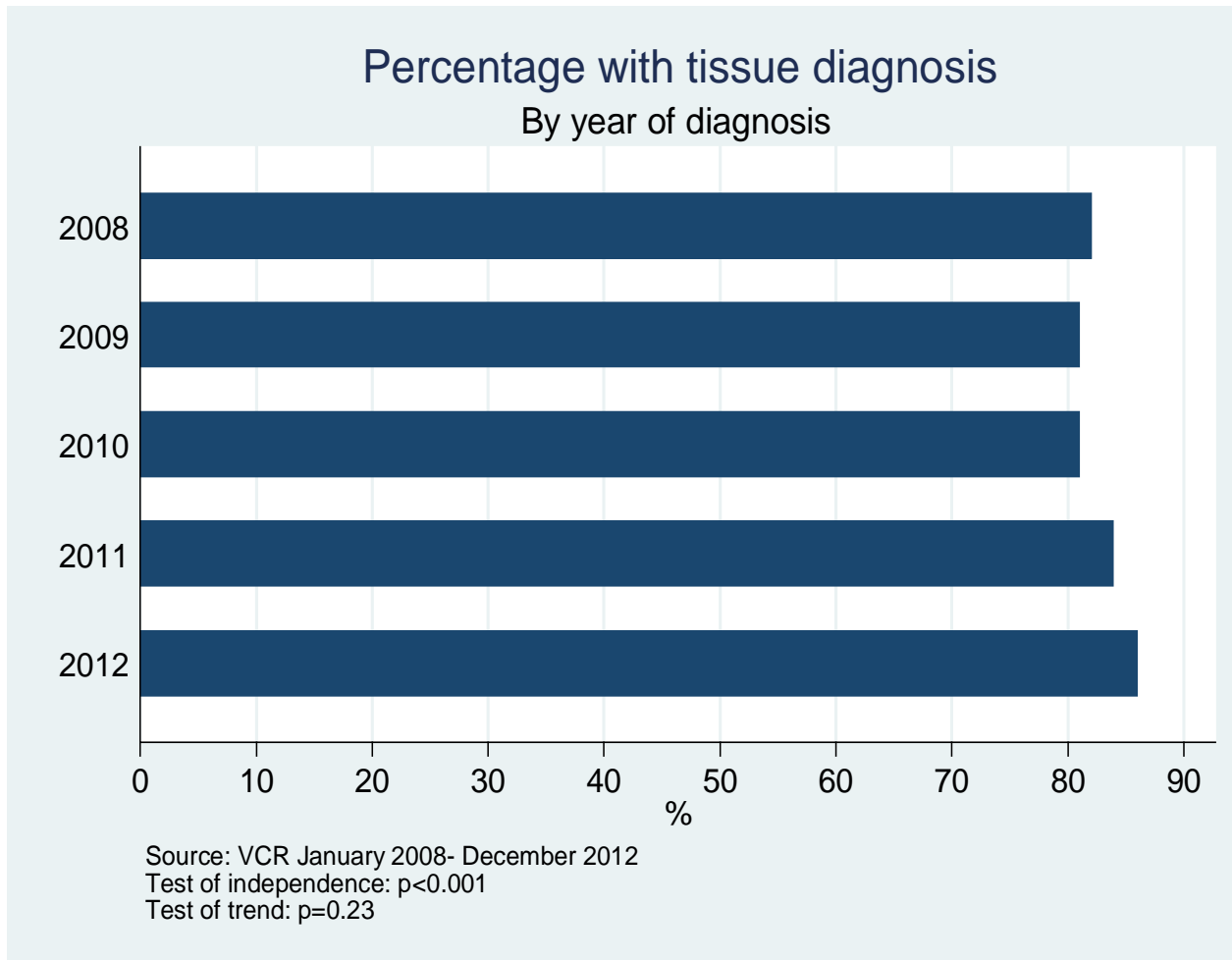
Percentage with tissue diagnosis

By age group



Source: VCR January 2008- December 2012
Pearson's χ^2 : $p < 0.001$

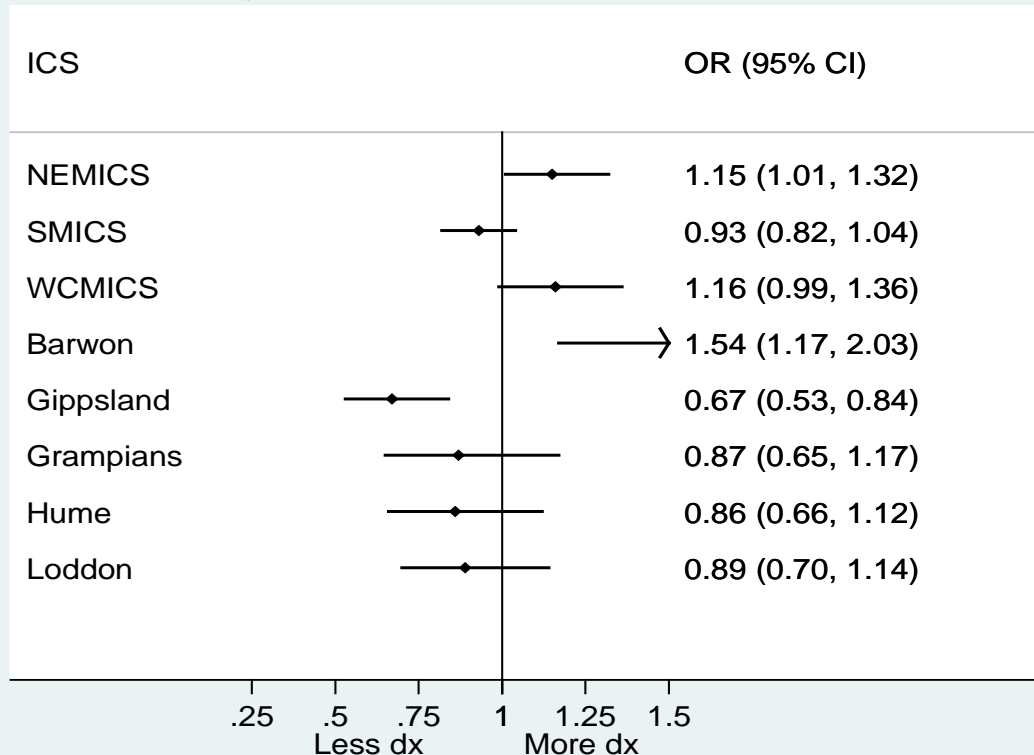
Lung cancer (C33-C34) with tissue diagnosis by year of diagnosis



Lung cancer (C33-C34)

with tissue diagnosis by ICS of residence

Adjusted odds of having a tissue diagnosis
By region of residence, compared to mean



Source: VCR Jan 2008- Dec 2012

Adjusted for age, gender and country of birth
Not adjusted for stage

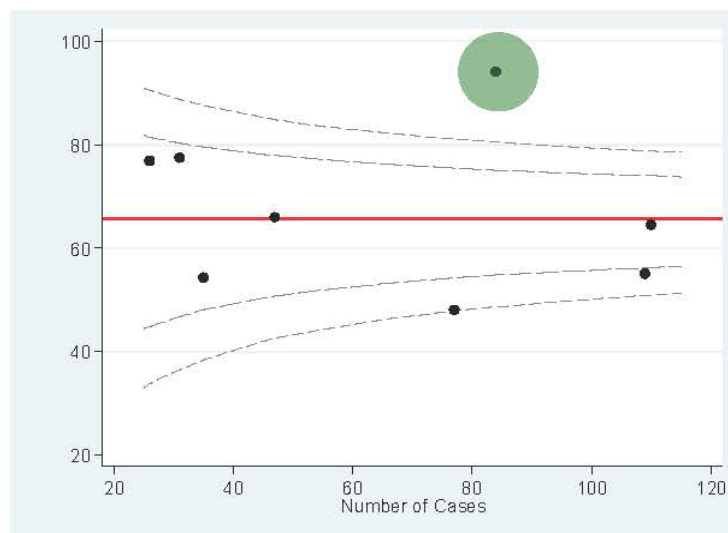


Timeliness of diagnosis and treatment

Process Results : Timeline - Referral to Diagnosis

QI 1: Number of patients where time from referral date to diagnosis is less than 28 days.

No.	Numerator	Denominator
1	Number of patients where time from referral date to diagnosis is less than 28 days	Total number of patients in Registry

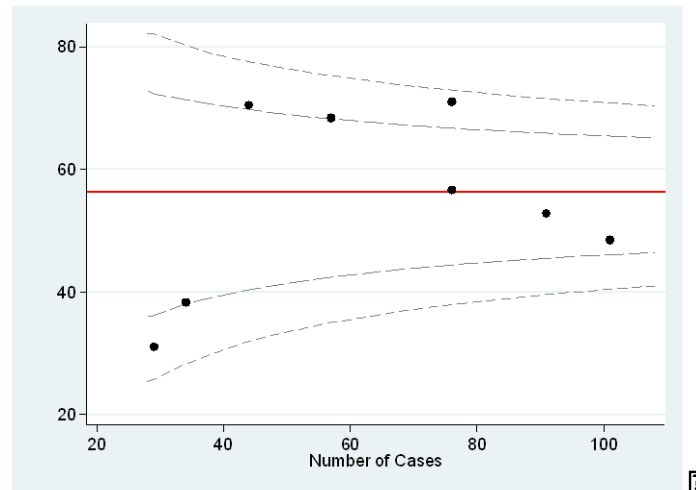


	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	TOTAL
Numerator	37	60	71	31	19	79	24	20	341
Denominator	77	109	110	47	35	84	31	26	519
%	48	55	65	66	54	94	77	77	66

Process Results: Timeline – Diagnosis to first treatment

QI 2: Percentage of patients where time from diagnosis date to first treatment date is less than 14 days

No.	Numerator	Denominator
2	Number of patients where time from diagnosis date to first treatment date is less than 14 days	Total number of patients in Registry receiving treatment



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	TOTAL
Numerator	43	49	48	31	39	54	13	9	286
Denominator	76	101	91	44	57	76	34	29	508
%	57	49	53	70	68	71	38	31	56

Timeliness of diagnosis & treatment

SMICS Referral Interval Target times audit:

- A medical record audit, n = 98
- Results:
 - Diagnosis within 28 days
71% (53) (no information - 24 cases)
 - Initiated first treatment within 14 days
48% (39) (no information - 17 cases)

Key challenges to timely care

- No priority triage
- Delay in receiving
- Incorrect location

- EGFR testing
- Bronchoscopy
- VATS
- EBUS

Referral

Specialist

Diagnostic /
staging tests

Lung MDT

Specialist

Treatment

- Inappropriate referral
- Delay EGFR testing
- Preconception re efficacy of treatment
- Preconception re curability
- Limited CDU or RT capacity
- Wait on next MDT
- Palliative delays

- Referral content
- Absent radiology
- Access
- Variation in staging
- Identification of responsible clinician
- Multiple referrals
- Accountability
- Pathology turnaround
- No palliative care

Referral to Diagnosis 28D

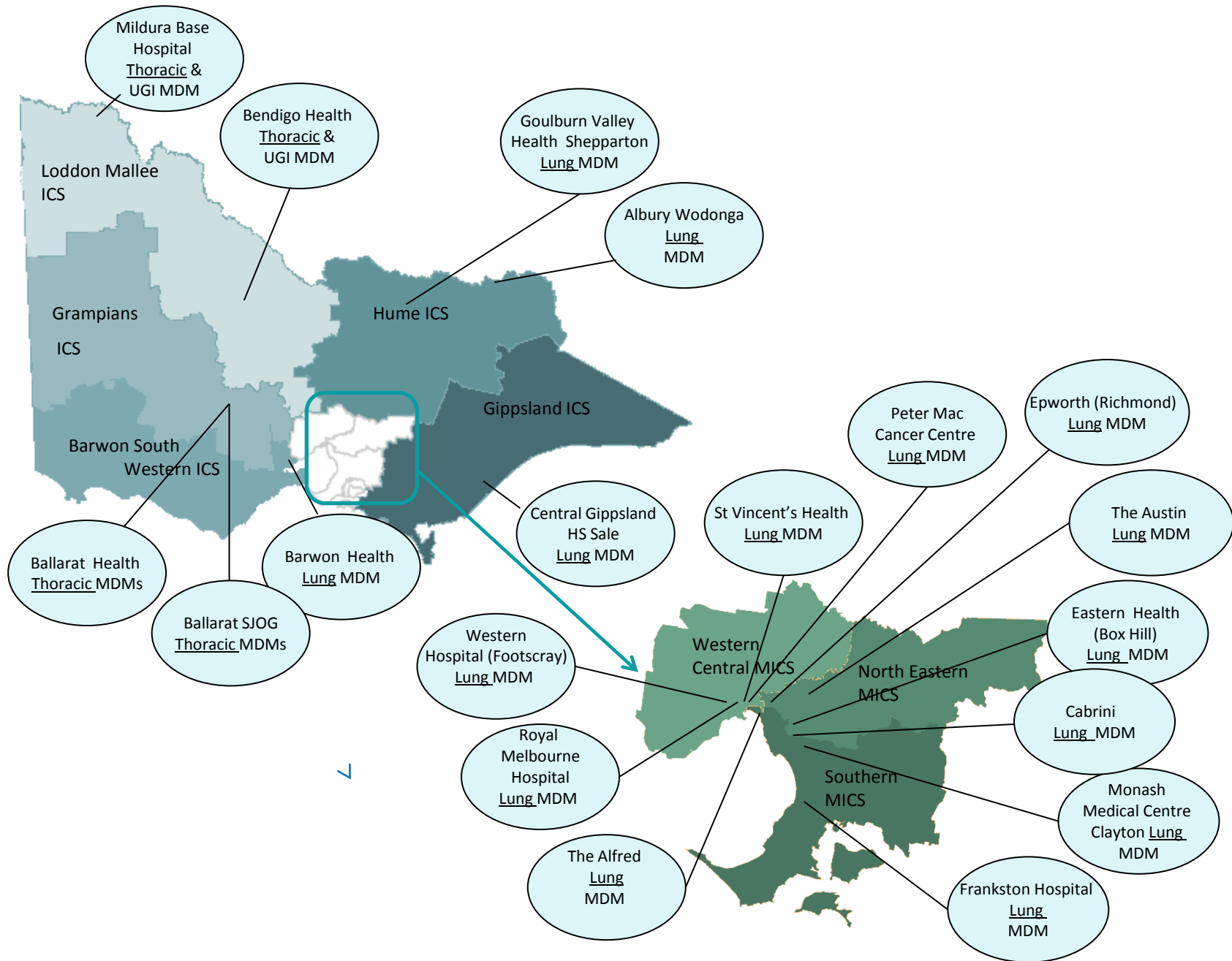
Diagnosis to Treatment 14D

Referral to First Treatment 42D

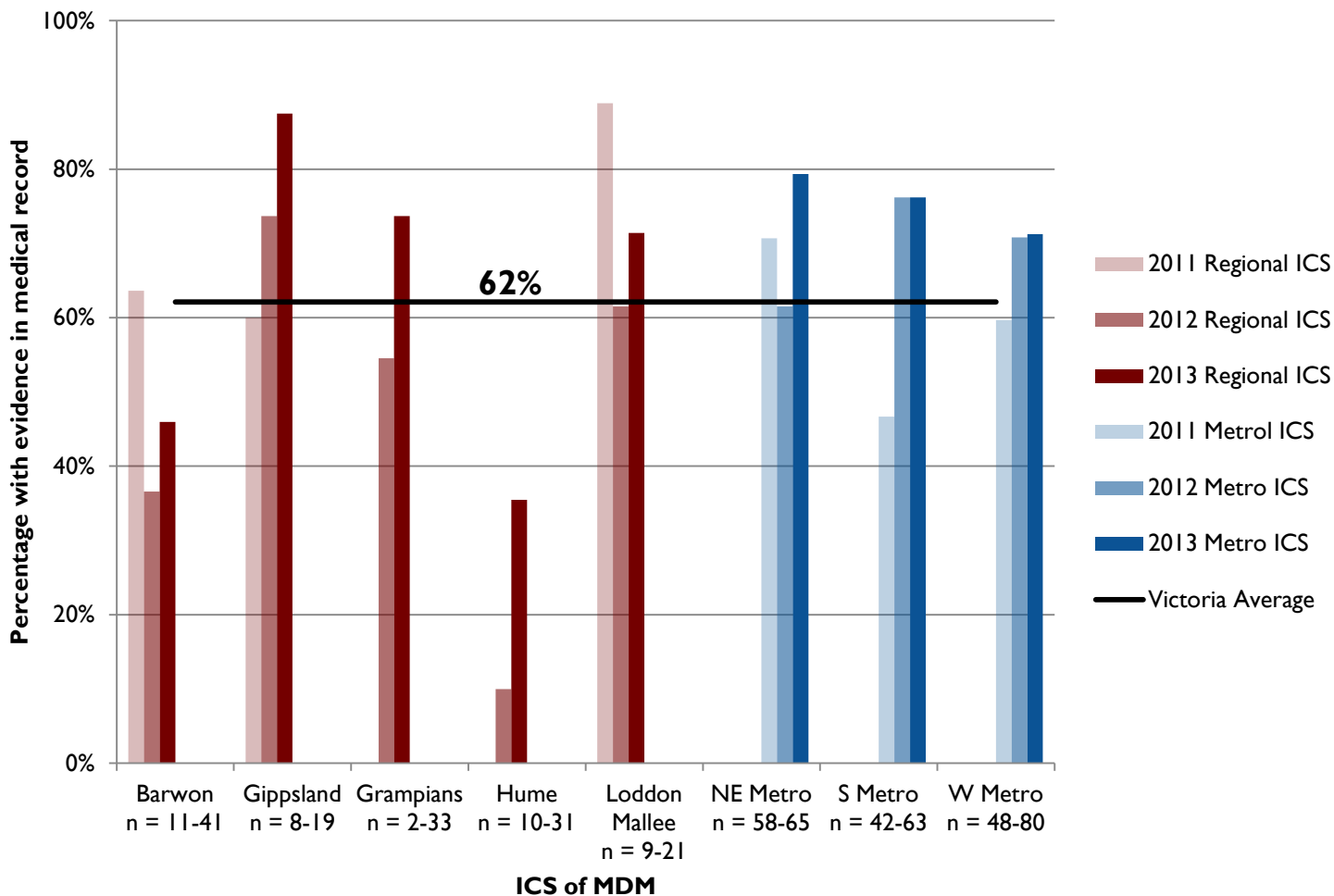


Treatment planning: Multidisciplinary team model of care

Integrated Cancer Services (ICS) & Lung MDM Locations



Multidisciplinary treatment planning for newly diagnosed lung patients 2011-2013



2003 POC study: MDM discussion 29%

2003 POC study: case discussion at MDM

- Cases discussed at MDM were more likely:
 - Younger: 69yr vs 73yr (p<0.001)
 - Treated with curative intent: 44% vs 22% (p<0.001)
 - Better PS 0-1: 69% vs 55% (p<0.001)
 - Early stage disease: 31% vs 21% (p=0.004)
 - More likely to receive treatment: 82% vs 71% (p=0.004)
- Had improved survival: 10.8 vs 5.5mths (p <0.001)

2003 POC study:

MDM discussion and patient outcomes

- As some patients may have died too quickly for a MDM discussion to be held, a landmark analysis was conducted for patients surviving at least 2 mths:
 - Improved survival 13.3mths vs 9.3 mths $p < 0.001$
- On multivariate analysis, including all significant variables, MDM discussion an independent prognostic factor for survival:
 - For all lung cancer $p = 0.008$
 - For NSCLC $p = 0.005$

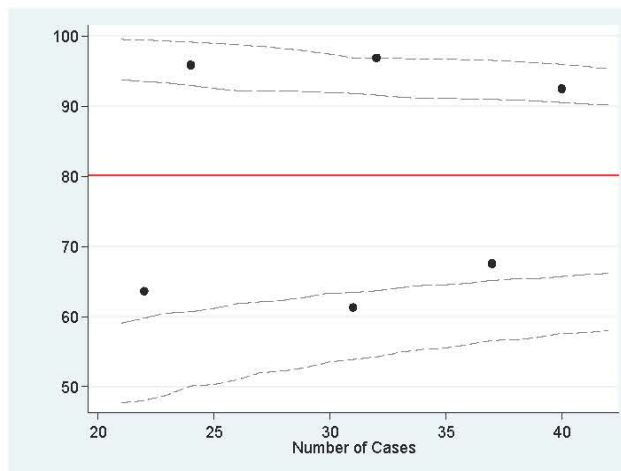


Staging

Process Results : PET documented prior to resection

QI 9: Number of patients with clearly documented PET at diagnosis undergoing curative resection.

No.	Numerator	Denominator
9	Number of patients with clearly documented PET at diagnosis undergoing curative resection	Total number of patients undergoing curative resection



2003 POC study

Before curative:

- surgery 78%
- radiotherapy 84%

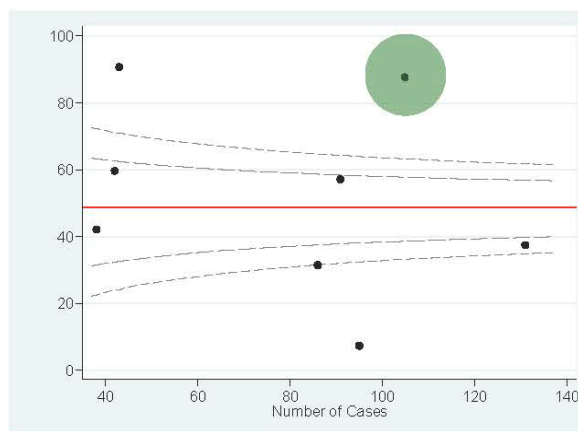
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	TOTAL
Numerator	31	25	37	23	19	14	3	2	154
Denominator	32	36	39	24	31	22	5	2	191
%	97	69	95	96	61	64	60	100	81

Source: VLCR July 2012- June 2013

Process Results: clinical TNM staging

QI 7: Number of patients with clearly documented cTNM at diagnosis.

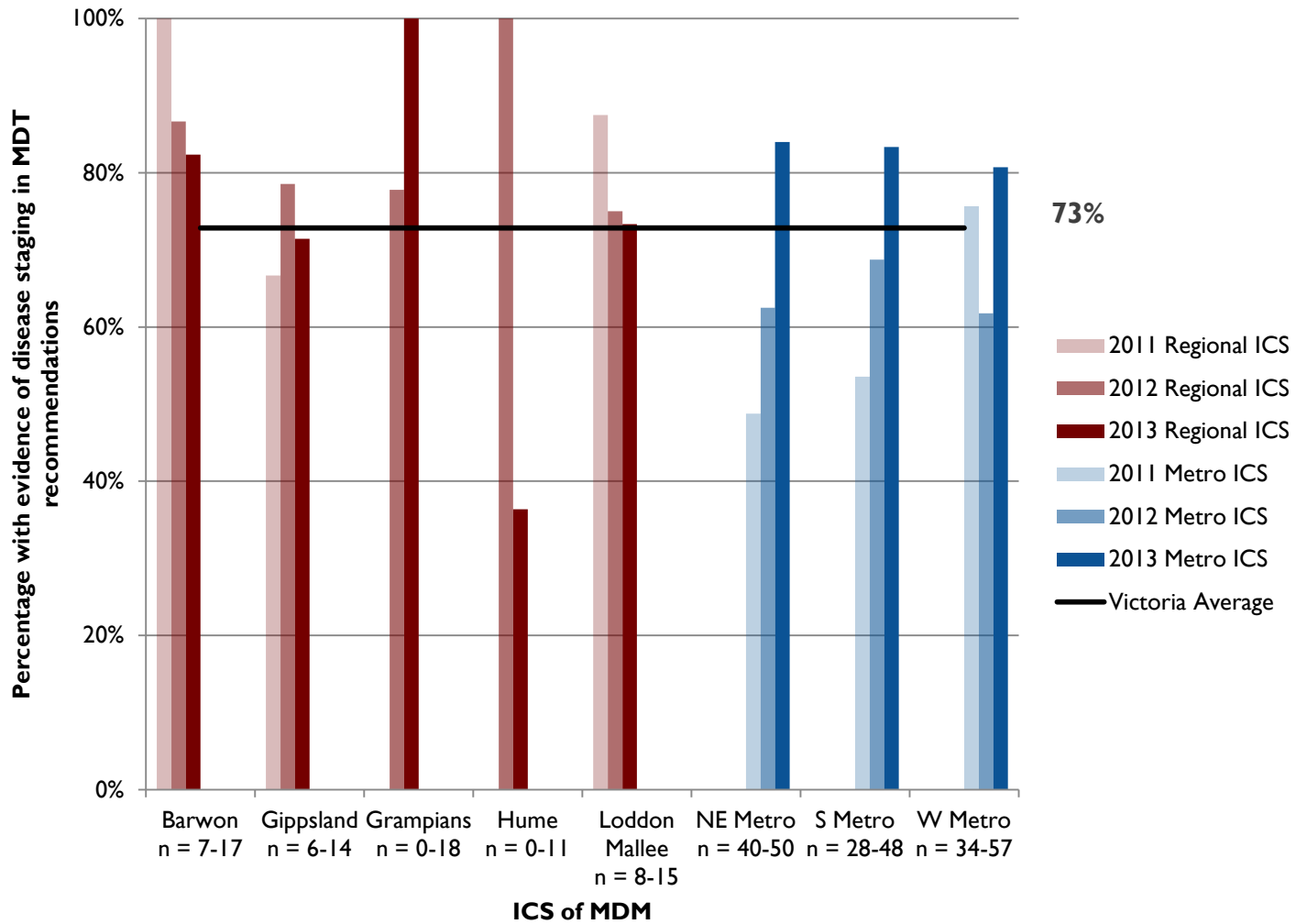
No.	Numerator	Denominator
7	Number of patients with clearly documented cTNM at diagnosis	Number of patients with NSCLC



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	TOTAL
Numerator	52	49	92	39	7	27	25	16	307
Denominator	91	131	105	43	95	86	42	38	631
%	57	37	88	91	7	31	60	42	49

Source: VLCR July 2012- June 2013

Staging in MDM documentation for cases discussed at MDM (2011-2013)



Source: DH audit
Sampling from VCR

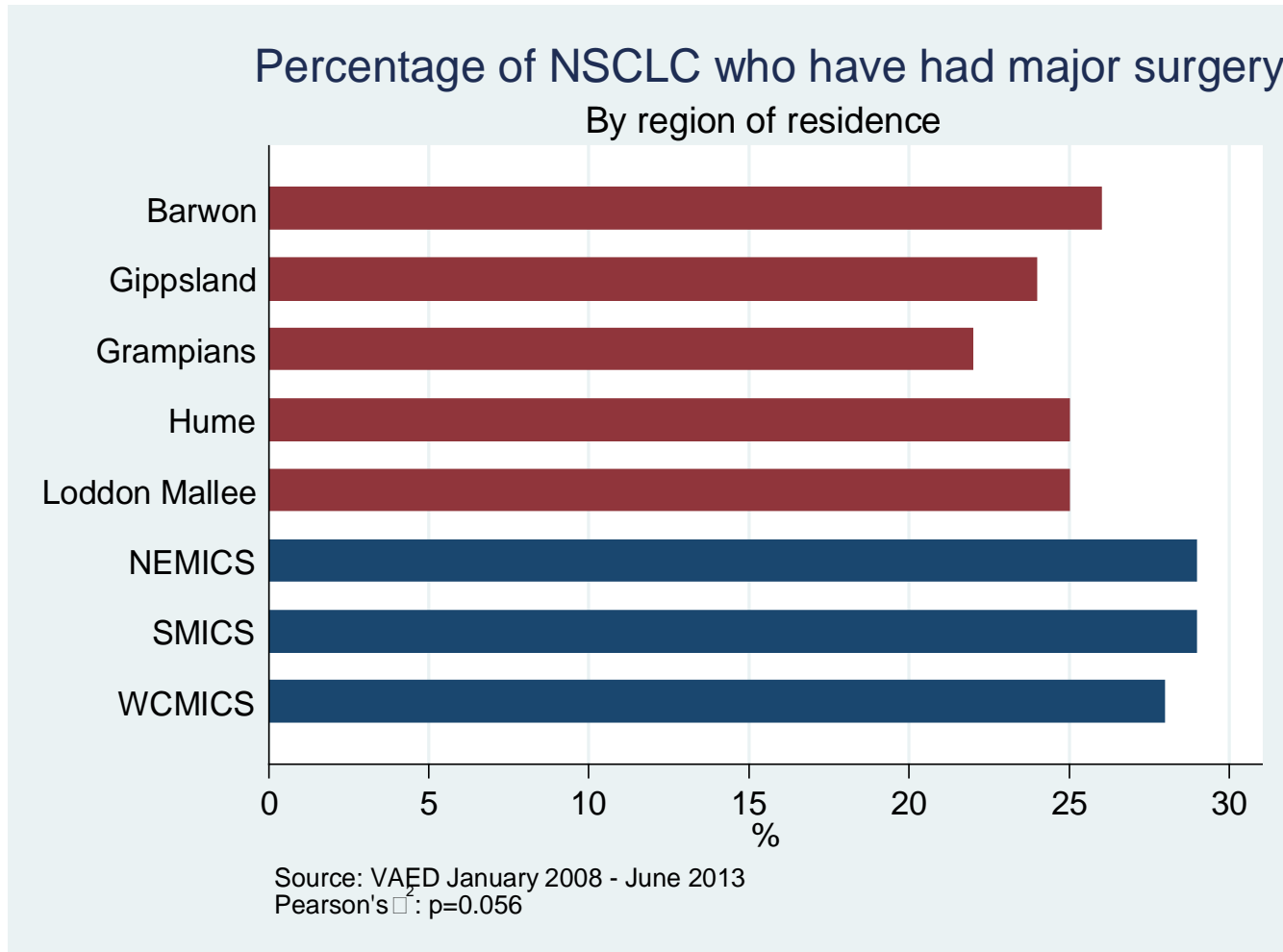


Treatment: Surgery in NSCLC

Major lung surgery from VAED

- Pneumonectomy
- Lobectomy of lung
- Partial resection of lung
- Other excision procedures on lung or pleura

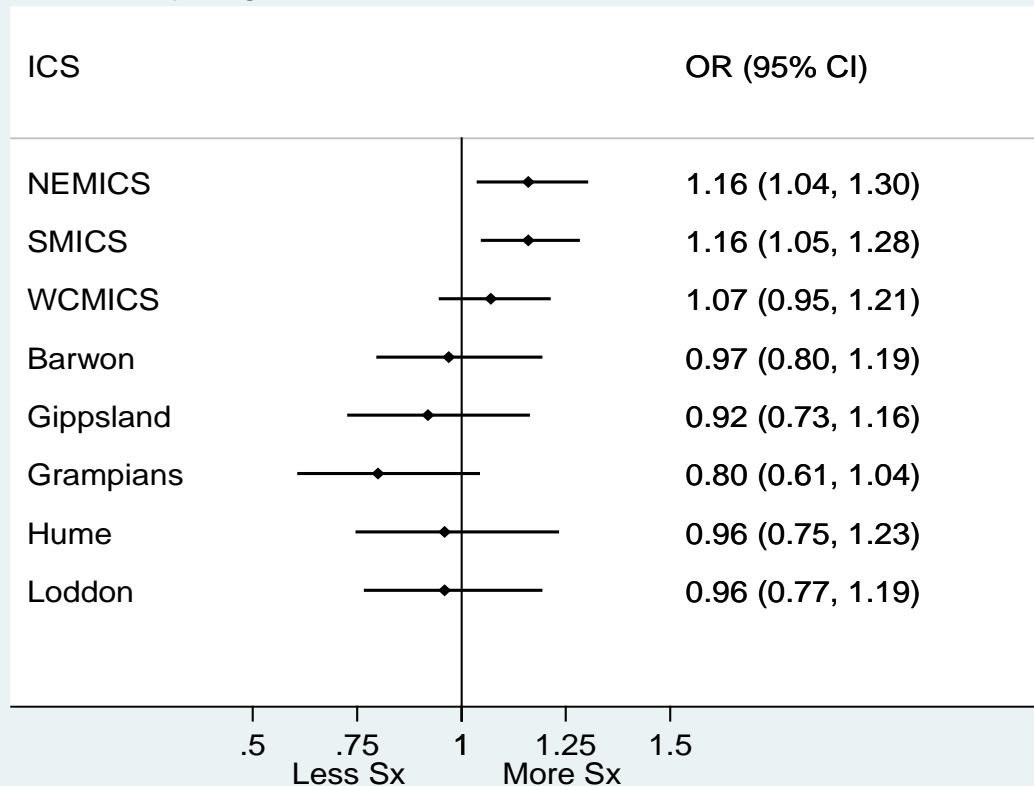
Major lung cancer surgery in NSCLC by ICS of residence n= 2,035



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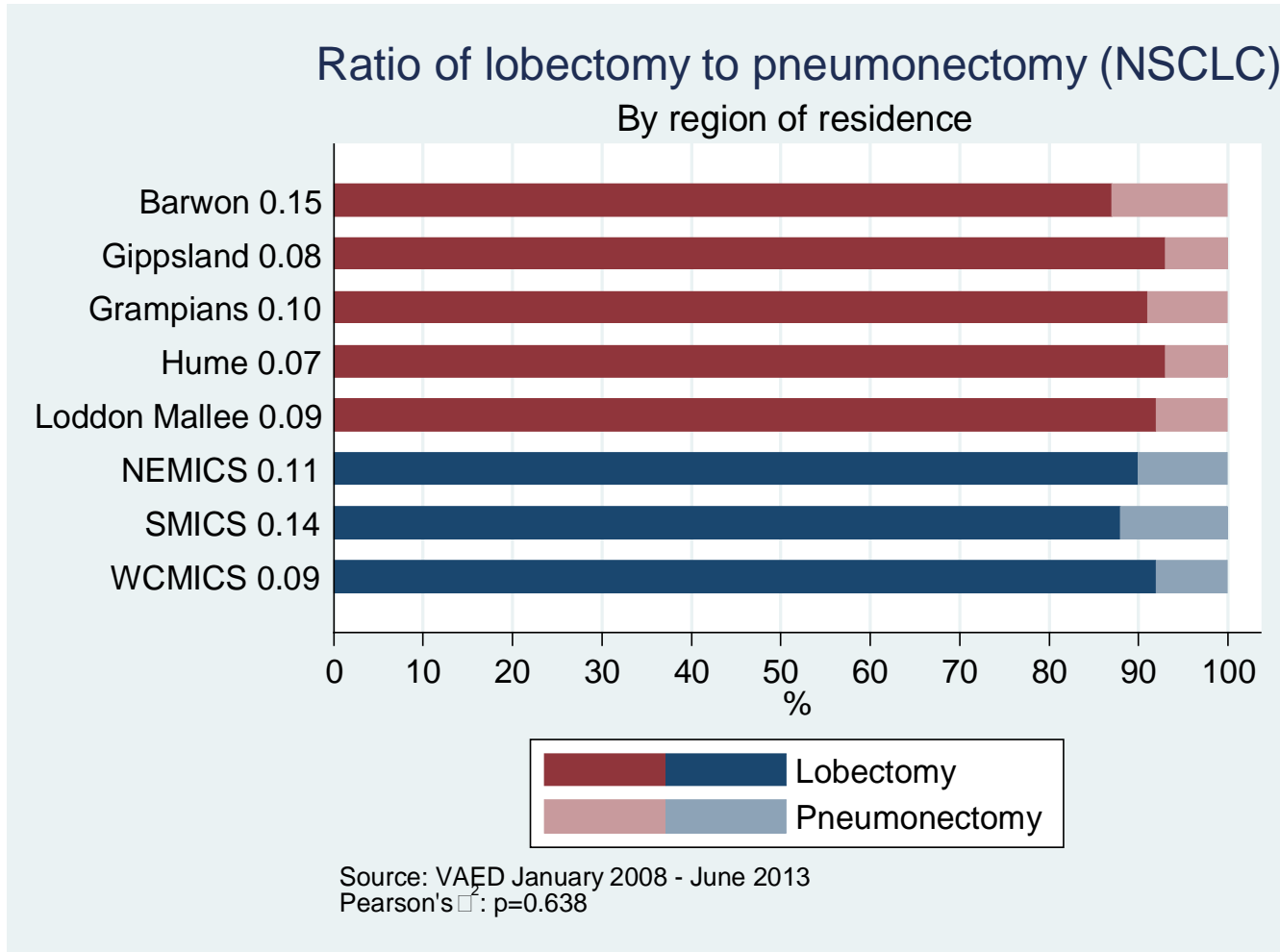
Adjusted odds of having major surgery for NSCLC
By region of residence, compared to mean



Source: VAED January 2008 - June 2013

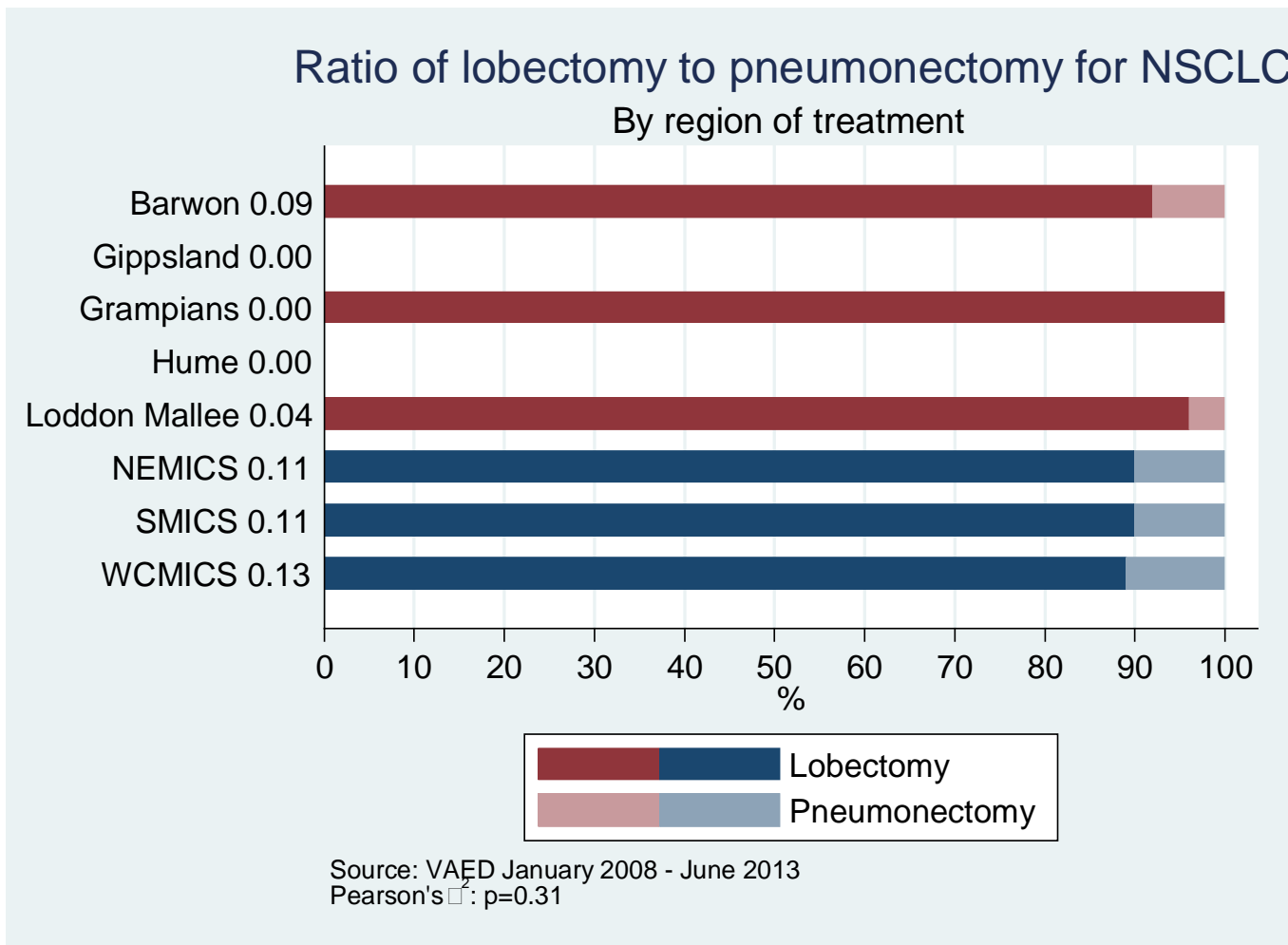
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Ratio of NSCLC lobectomy: pneumonectomy by ICS of residence n=1277



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Ratio of NSCLC lobectomy: pneumonectomy in by ICS of treatment n=1277

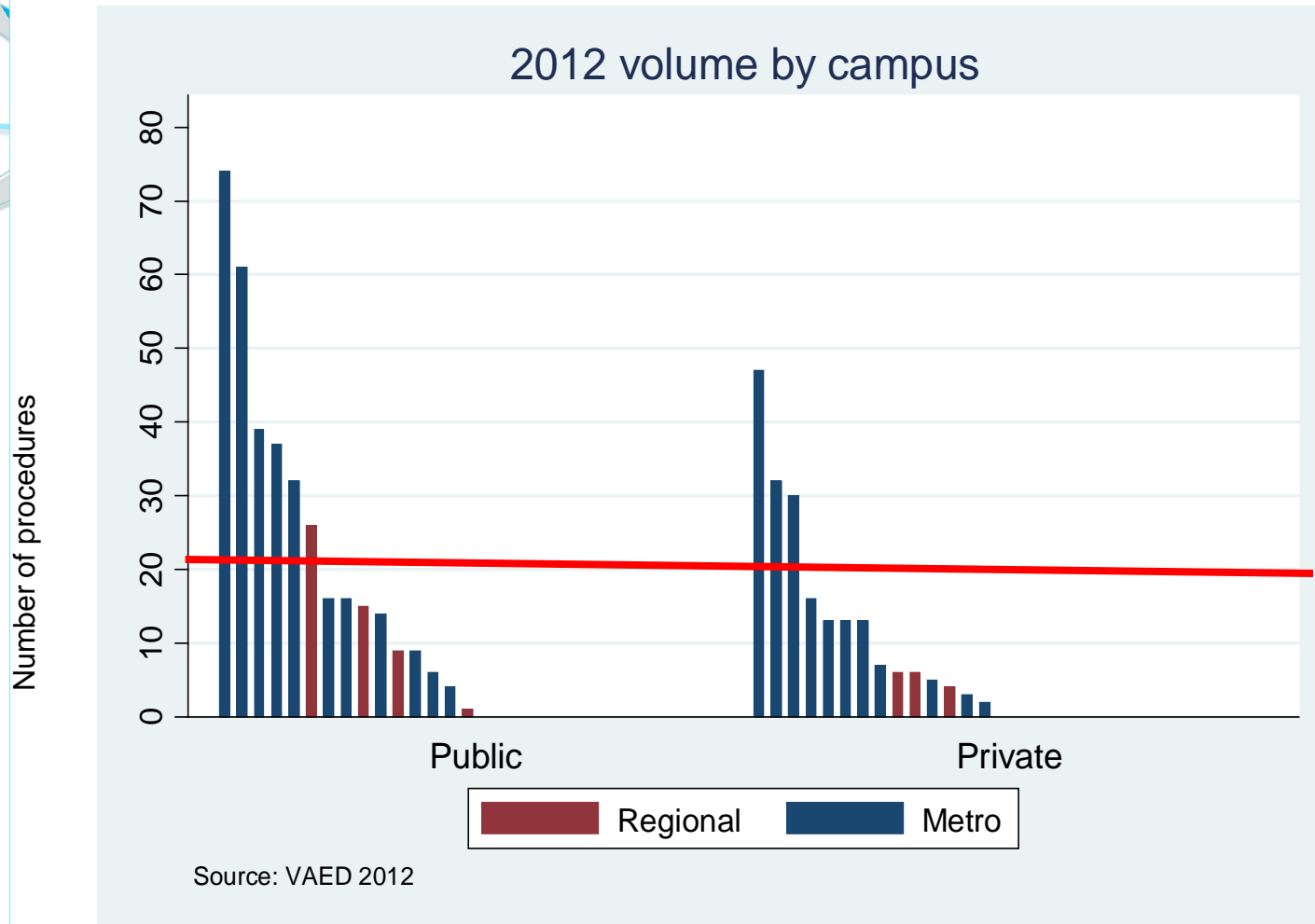


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Lung cancer major surgery: ICS of treatment by ICS of residence

ICS of treatment	ICS of residence at first admission									Total (n=2153)
	NEMICS (n=416)	SMICS (n=484)	WCMICS (n=347)	Barwon (n=131)	Gippsland (n=98)	Grampians (n=69)	Hume (n=92)	Loddon (n=117)	Interstate (n=399)	
NEMICS	270	17	77	4	11	1	18	13	98	509
SMICS	47	406	13	2	31	5	3	4	110	621
WCMICS	99	61	253	43	55	16	70	36	151	784
Barwon			3	81	1	2			15	102
Gippsland										0
Grampians				1		44		5	9	59
Hume										0
Loddon						1	1	59	16	77
PICS			1							1

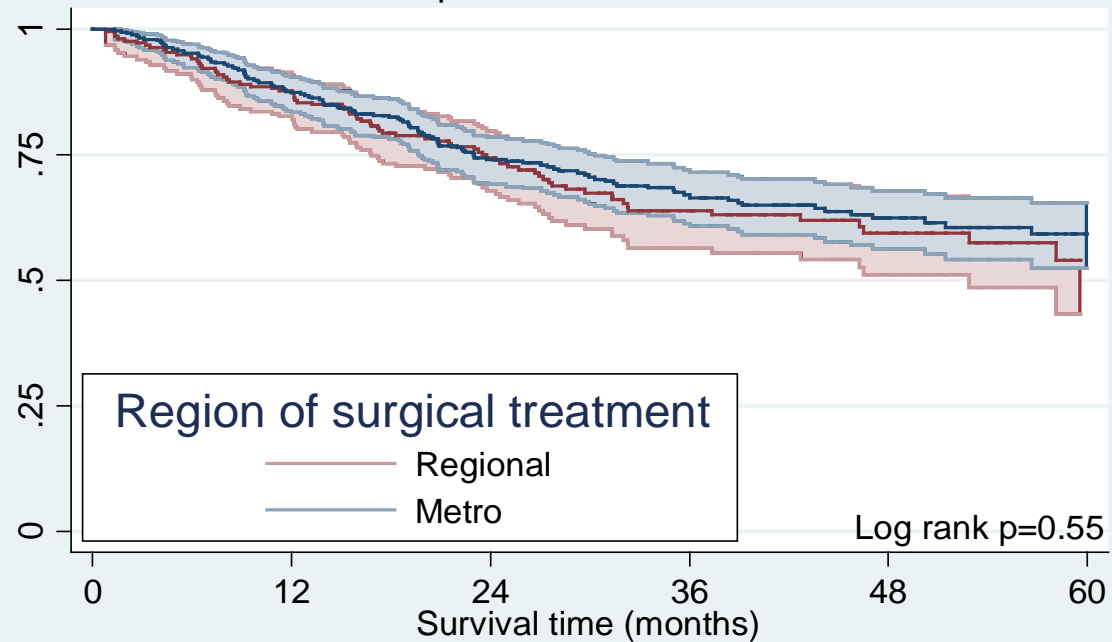
Lung cancer major surgery: annual volume by health service



For partial resection, lobectomy & pneumonectomy procedures

Surgical NSCLC patient survival time by regional vs metro

Surgical patients with NSCLC living in regional areas
Kaplan-Meier estimates



Number at risk	0	12	24	36	48	60
Regional	220	193	129	78	44	13
Metro	357	312	208	137	84	32

Source: VCR/VAED January 2008 - December 2012

30 day mortality following major lung surgery in NSCLC

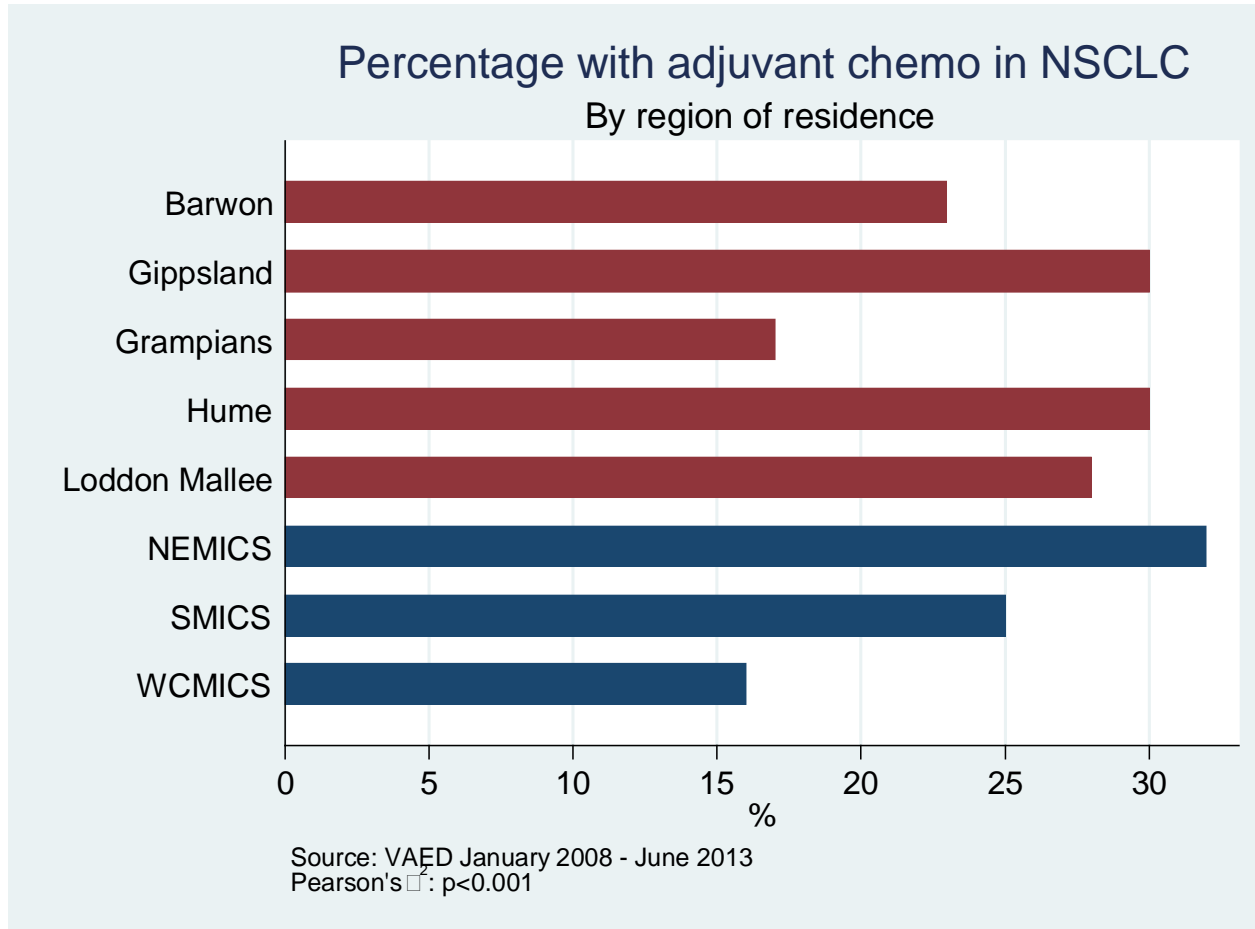
ICS	By ICS of residence n=1 615, p= 0.84	By ICS of treatment n=2 035, p=0.3
Barwon	4% (5)	5% (6)
Gippsland	1% (1)	0
Grampians	3% (3)	5% (3)
Hume	1% (1)	1% (4)
Loddon-Malle	2% (2)	0
NEMICS	2% (9)	2% (10)
SMICS	2% (9)	3% (16)
WCMICS	3% (9)	2% (14)

Source: VCR/VAED January 2008-December 2012



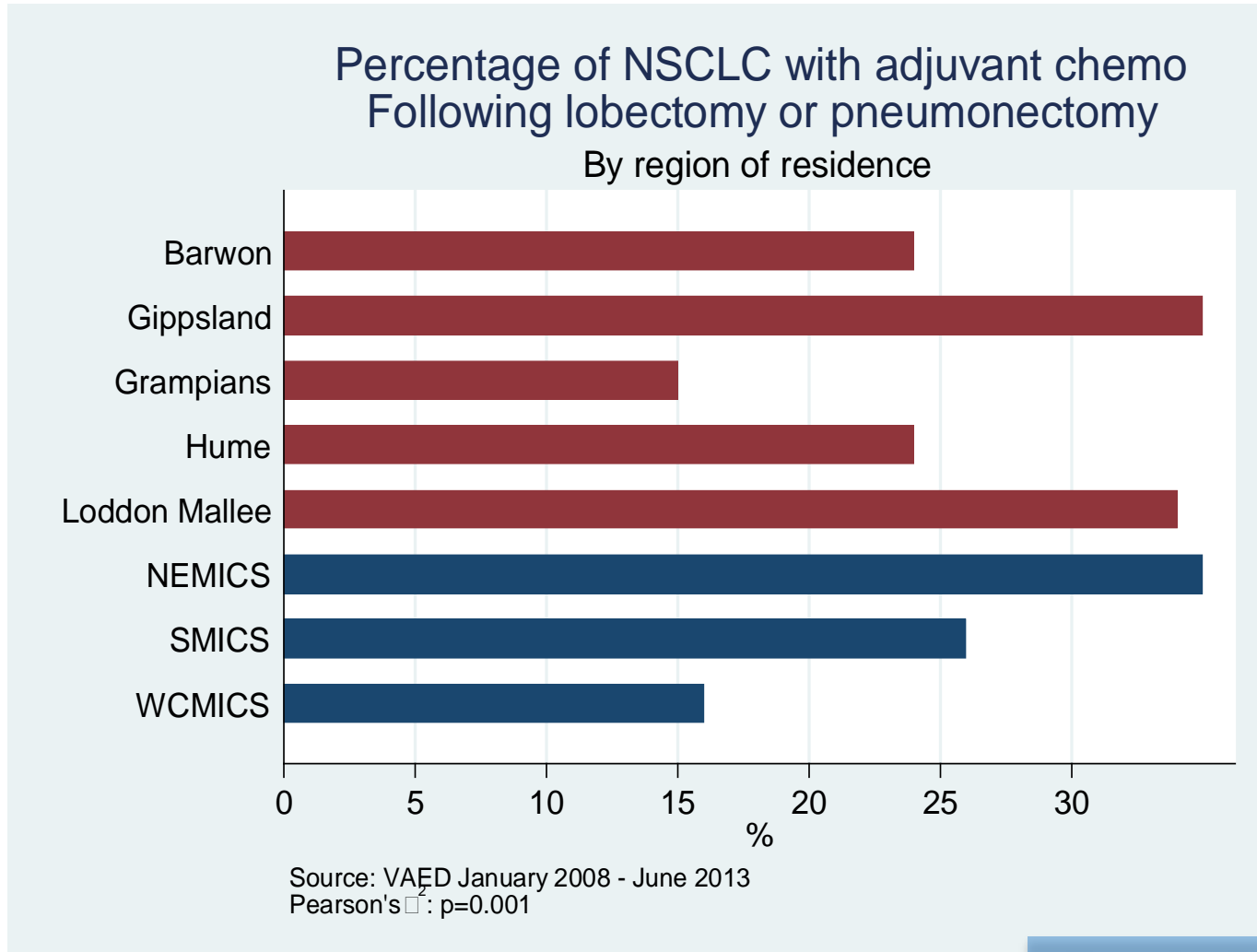
Chemotherapy in NSCLC

Chemotherapy within 90 days of major lung surgery n=2035



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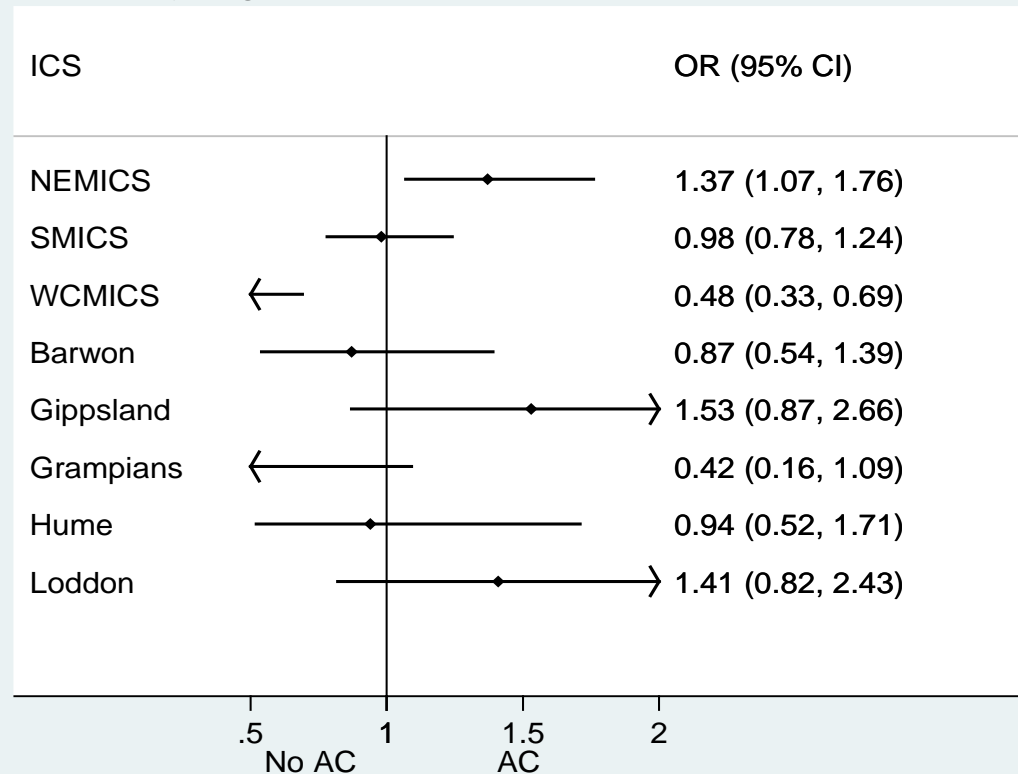
Chemotherapy within 90 days of lobectomy / pneumonectomy n=1277



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Chemotherapy within 90 days of surgery

Adjuvant chemo post lobectomy/pneumonectomy By region of residence, compared to mean



Source: VAED January 2008 - June 2013

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Not adjusted for stage**



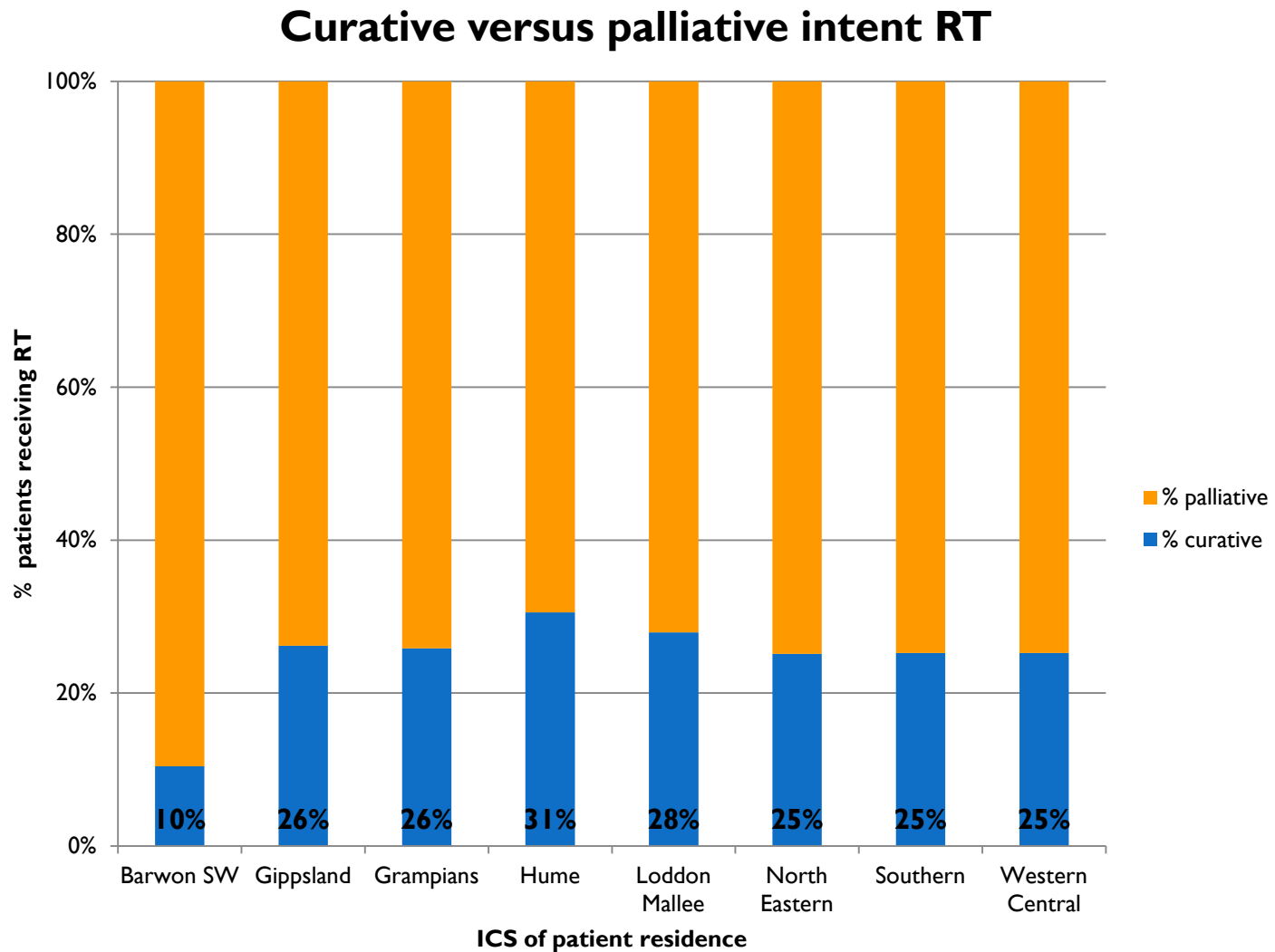
Radiotherapy utilisation for lung cancer

Utilisation rates by ICS of residence for lung cancer in 2012

2012		
	Percentage of incidence	Number of cases receiving RT
S Metro	50%	718
NE Metro	48%	581
WC Metro	51%	499
Metro total	49%	1798
Barwon	45%	226
Gippsland	55%	174
Grampians	34%	131
Hume	40%	141
Loddon Mallee	50%	213
Regional total	46%	885
Victorian total	48%	2683

Source: Victorian Radiotherapy Minimum Dataset (VRMDS) **CCORE estimate for lung cancer – 77%**

Curative intent RT in Lung cancer 2012



Source: Victorian Radiotherapy Minimum Data Set (VRMDS)

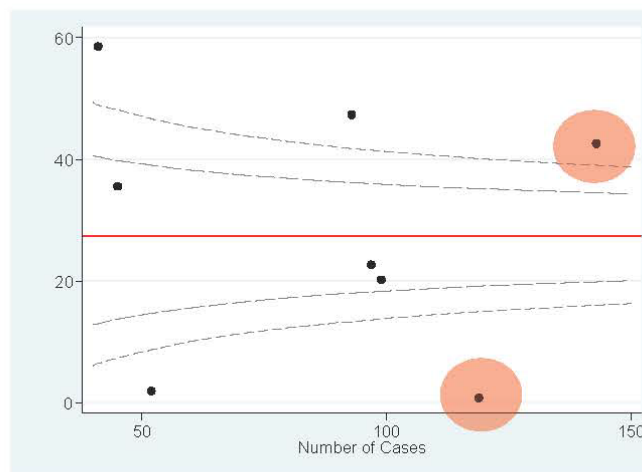


Supportive Care and Palliative Care

Process Results: Distress screening

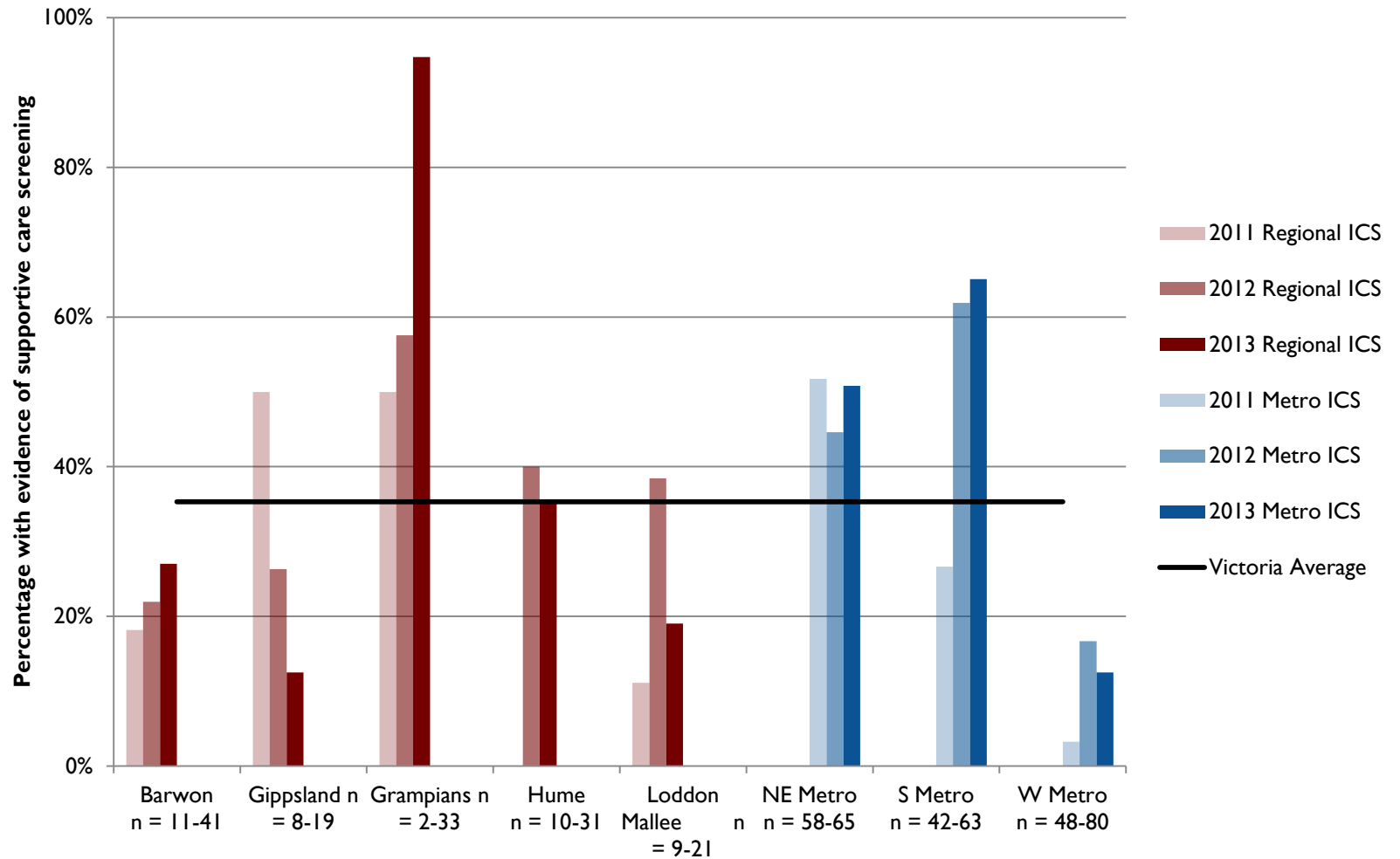
QI 4: Number of patients with documented screening for supporting care.

No.	Numerator	Denominator
4	Number of patients with documented screening for supporting care	Total number of patients in Registry



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	TOTAL
Numerator	20	61	1	1	22	44	16	24	189
Denominator	99	143	119	52	97	93	45	41	689
%	20	43	1	2	23	47	36	59	27

Supportive care needs screening

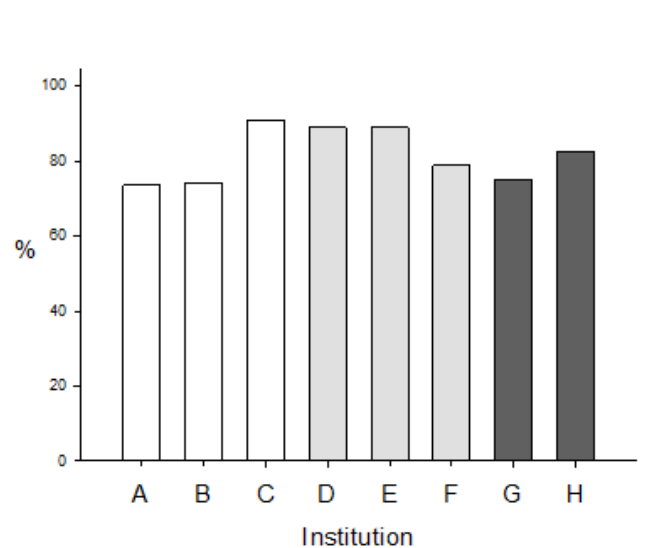


Source: DH audit
Sampling from VCR

Process Results: Palliative care access

QI 22: Percentage of patients with stage IV NSCLC referred to palliative care, where time between date of diagnosis and date of referral is less than or equal to 56 days.

No.	Numerator	Denominator
22	Number of patients with stage IV NSCLC referred to palliative care, where time between date of diagnosis and date of referral is less than or equal to 56 days	Number of patients with stage IV NSCLC



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	TOTAL
Numerator	25	23	39	8	24	15	15	14	163.0
Denominator	34	31	43	9	27	19	20	17	200.0
%	74	74	91	89	89	79	75	82	82

Conclusions

- Lung cancer survival trending upwards
- Significant variation in 5 year survival regional vs metro
- Some difference in the likelihood of receiving a tissue diagnosis across ICS
- Some data suggests timeliness of diagnosis and treatment is an issue
- Low volumes of major lung surgery in a number of health services

Conclusions cont.

- Lung MDM case discussions could improve – 63% for the state
- There is variation in rates of adjuvant chemo across ICS
- Overall under-utilisation of radiation therapy
- Low and variable uptake of formalised supportive care screening

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